

## 10 Bouts Slated For Gym Tonight

By SGT. CARL NEU

Two star-studded boxing cards are in store for Fort Benning's frenzied ring fans in the next six days as the post's punch-packed tourney swings into the quarter-final round with white fighters in action tonight at the post gym and an all-colored card scheduled for next Tuesday.

Ten fast bouts are lined up for tonight's action, starting at 7:30 o'clock, and another capacity crowd of more than 1,200 howling fans is expected to pack the gym to the rafters as it did last Thursday in the opening rounds of the all-post affair.

Next Tuesday, the colored lads will swing into action with at least eight bouts on tap plus the attraction of presenting Benning's own former world bantamweight champion in the person of Georgia Face who will mix it up in a light-weight clash. There is a possibility that if the weather permits, next Tuesday's card may be moved to Doughboy Stadium where a larger crowd can be accommodated. Announcement of the definite date will be made later.

La. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer and head of the FBAA, sponsor of the all-post tourney, stated yesterday that officials are anxious to move the tourney outdoors, but unpleasant weather early this week has prevented the move for the time being.

St. Archie J. Milano, an assistant to Colonel Finnegan, the athletic officer who is serving as matchmaker for the entire tourney, has had his hands full all week, lining up the bouts. The result, printed elsewhere in this issue, shows that tonight's card contains seven bouts and three in the open division—and every one of them as a humdinger.

The card is unusual in that it will contain a pair of heavyweight clashes, and for years on end ring fans have preferred watching the bantamweight, the novice division, Steve Kopacki (176th Infantry) who slammed his opponent last week clear out of the ring, and the featherweight, Leo Thiel (7th Armored MP), a former Illinois champ. Thiel is big and rugged and will give the excellently-conditioned Kopacki a real rugged, win or lose. That should provide a corking semi-final.

The card is eye-catcher of the evening, however, will probably be the matchup with the 176th Infantry's short, squat Swede, Jerry Whitehead, the 87th Reconnaissance Squadron's tall, dynamic Jerry Kobena. Both are ex-professionals and have fought in the ring. Whitehead, a New York, punch-stored the upset of the evening when he faced Jimmy Maddu, a "challenger" who once fought for the world bantam crown.

In the week's winners will be in action again, Gilbert Morales, 4th Infantry's boxer, who stopped Johnny Whitehead (342nd Parachute) at the end of the first round in a welterweight fust, will take on another paratrooper in Jack Hutchings, who won the 1st PRP puncher who dethroned his rival last week, will meet the 176th in a middleweight bout.

Two featherweight fusts will open the evening's slugging when Bill Shepard (44th F. A.) meets Pete Bombardieri (3d Infantry).

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**River Gives Up Soldier's Body**

A body recovered from the Chattahoochee River has been positively identified as that of Private First-Class William T. Ragsdale, Company K, 176th Infantry.

Pfc. Ragsdale is one of four soldiers reported missing by the Infantry School at Fort Benning after an assault boat capsized in the river on March 11.

The soldier is a brother of Stanley Ragsdale, Old Forge, Pa., who has been notified.



THE THIRD INFANTRY COLOR GUARD bearing Old Glory and the Regimental colors with its many battle streamers is shown above. The color bearers are clad in replicas of the original uniforms worn at the time the regiment was organized. The regiment is the oldest outfit in the United States and the newest arrival at Fort Benning and is now serving as a member of The Infantry School Troops Brigade. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo)

## Easter Morning Program Grows

Lucky Band, Drum and Bugle Corps, Children's Choir Join Array

Another band, a drum and bugle corps, and the Children's Choir of the Post Chapel all have been added to the musical array that will participate in the Sunrise Services to be conducted Easter morning, April 9, in Doughboy Stadium. It was announced today by Lt. Col. John W. Westerman, chief of chaplains at Fort Benning.

The band will be the Seventh Armored band, which will play the Easter Fantasia, scheduled to open the services following sounding of Church Call at 8 a. m. The Seventh Armored musical organization was definitely added to the program when Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester, commanding general of the "Lucky" Seventh, announced that plans for a separate early morning service by the Seventh would be changed to allow the division to participate in the services on the Main Post.

The Drum and Bugle Corps will come from the 16th Infantry Regiment and will sound the Church Call. The call will be dramatically sounded with bugles stationed at various distances from the stadium, so that the Church Call will start in the distance and come closer and closer, finally being taken up by the full corps situated near the altar in the Stadium.

The Children's choir of 30 voices, ranging from eight to 12 years, will be in vestments, and will be seated with the chapel choir, which also will be vested. They will sing with the chapel choir in one of their numbers, Mrs. J. O. Methvin, conductor of the choir, announced today.

The choir will sing three numbers during the services. These will be "I Heard Two Soldiers Talking", "Easter Morning", and "The Strife is Over".

All together, eight bands, the Drum and Bugle Corps, the two vested choirs, and a combined Negro choir of 75 soldiers will have parts in the services and in the Sacred Concert which will

## Seder Service Slated April 7

One of the biggest Jewish Seder suppers in the United States celebrating the Passover and the deliverance of the Jewish people from Egyptian bondage will be served Friday at 8 p. m. EWT, April 7, at the 8th St. USO, Chaplain Samuel A. Shain announces.

The traditional rituals of the supper will be conducted by officers and men of Fort Benning and the Passover food will be prepared by the Columbus Jewish Welfare Board and members of the Jewish community of Columbus. Brigadier General William H. Hobson, commanding general of Fort Benning, will be an honor guest.

Chaplain Shain also announced that the JWB under the direction of See SEDER, Page 2.

## 'Boots And Wings' Radio Show Will Premiere Tonight

First presentation of "Boots and Wings", new radio show to be presented each Thursday by personnel of the Alabama Training Area from Fort Benning's Service Club, will go out over radio station WDAK at 8:30 p. m. EWT tonight.

MUSIC will be by the Parachute School Band under direction of Technical Sergeant Joseph Rotondo. Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, commanding of the Parachute School, will speak on the first program. Other speakers will include Chaplain W. F. Williamson, Lt. Carl Patrick, recently returned from Sicily and Italy, Lt. Roy Goodrich and Corp. Al Riffkin. The show will be a brief skit staged by Corp. Fred Bavin.

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## ASTP Center to Train Pre-Officer Candidates

### 3rd Infantry Settles Down In New Home

With a little more than a week under their belt, the 3rd Infantry of The Infantry School Troops Brigade, is now in the full swing of activity here at Fort Benning and is going all speed ahead with the job as demonstration troops.

The men have already participated in a number of problems and have merited fine ratings for the manner in which they have executed the job designated to them.

The 1st Battalion has been busy working on weapons problems, while the 2nd Battalion has been fulfilling its assignment on field problems. The 3rd Battalion has been engaged in tactical problems, most of the work in the nature of rehearsals for instruction of officer personnel.

During off-duty time the men of the Third have been enjoying the numerous and varied recreational facilities that Fort Benning has to offer.

Delighted with the entire surroundings of the Post, the men of the Third are unanimous in their opinion that Fort Benning is the ideal place for a soldier to train.

Here's what some of the men questioned had to say: Pvt. Harry Rowan, Co. 2.

"Fort Benning suits me swell. I like the barracks, the climate, and certainly enjoy military training in a real military atmosphere."

Pvt. Thomas Kivpatrick, Co. C.

"Fort Benning is a nice place to take your training. The barracks are swell, and make you feel quite proud while drilling."

Pfc. Frank Santa Maria, Co. F.

"I think it's the finest military set-up I've ever seen. You have everything on the Post, and I can't see any reason for going to anywhere else. I'm contented."

Pvt. James Trainor, Regimental Headquarters Company.

"The 3rd Infantry is certainly providing all the facilities for training a soldier. The athletic fields provide one with plenty of opportunity to keep in good condition after the day's work is over."

The record, the regiment was activated March 12, 1942, but it did not take on any semblance of an active military unit until several weeks later when it received its first shipment of enlisted cadre from Camp Croft, C. C. Son of these men are still here as members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, but will move out soon under Department's troop policy.

Commander Col. John D. Hill, first commander of the 13th Infantry (Gator) Regiment, well known in Fort Benning, Colonel Hill's first executive officer, Lt. Col. John G. Hardy, and first adjutant, Capt. Harry R. Bright, also have long been transferred to other units.

Col. Robert H. Lord, first to command the regiment, left early in the summer of 1943, when he was succeeded by the present commander, Col. John D. Hill.

He was graduated from Marquette University in 1915. The following year, after seven years of service with the Ohio National Guard, he enlisted after the United States entered World War I, he was commissioned a second lieutenant.

Both are captains today—and both are still with the regiment. One of them recently won the Legion of Merit.

There are some 3,000 boys like the Ryan brothers in the 165th. They trained in Hawaii from June until November 1943, work-masters expected to encounter on Makin. They practiced beach landings. They practiced jungle fighting. And they practiced blowing up pillboxes with dynamite charges at the end of long poles.

The convoy and the warships escorting it to Makin formed an immense fleet "that seemed to stretch endlessly to the horizon," the colonel described. "The ship bristled with guns."

"We can't lose," I said, turning to a sergeant standing on the transport deck beside me. "No, we can't lose," he whispered back, bowed by the sight of the armada of which we were part.

"That was the spirit of the entire convoy as Makin stood calm in sight. The men couldn't wait to get ashore and get at the Japs. At the time to splash ashore came at eight o'clock on the morning of November 20th. Hitting the fortified Jap settlement in a two-pronged attack, the 165th was supported by light and medium tanks and "Pillagers," the Navy's amphibious armed fighting vehicles.

"We lost our C.O., Col. J. See MAKIN, Page 2.

## Peak of 6,000 'Teen-Aged Soldiers' Will Be Handled in 8-Week Course

Although the Army has abolished the ASTP except for some advanced courses, Fort Benning's ASTP Basic Training Center will be retained to give an intensive eight weeks' training course to pre-officer candidates, it was announced by Col. Wilson M. Spann, commanding officer of the Center.

At its peak the ASTP Basic Training Center at the Post had 12,000 of the 18 year olds, going through their basic training. Under the new plan, about 6,000 pre-officer candidates are expected to receive training for the eight weeks course.

The present Sixth Training Regiment, commanded by Col. Robert Sharp, will be disbanded, while the 4th and 6th Training Regiments will be reduced to three battalions each. The center will continue to be commanded from Basic Training Center Headquarters.

While all details of the change are not yet ready to be announced, it is expected that training will begin soon. Most of the trainees are expected to be selected of present R. O. T. C. students.

The ASTP Basic Training Center was established in the Harmony Church area of the post last May. The 18-year-olds were selected for the ASTP Army Specialized Training Program, received their 13 weeks basic training to qualify them as soldiers before they were sent to schools.

After the curtailment of the program was announced, many of those who still were in training have completed it, and most of them have now been sent to combat units.

"The Benning's splendid response to this most worthy cause is a source of gratification to all of us," Col. Rosenberg stated. "It shows that military and civilian personnel of the post are well aware of the valuable aid rendered American soldiers at home and abroad by the Red Cross."

It is illustrative of the generous spirit of the soldiers and civilians at Fort Benning.

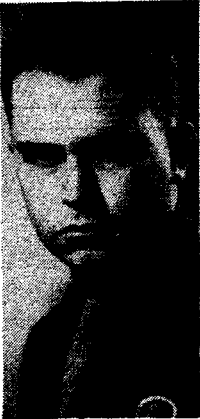
**TOTALS GIVEN**  
The Infantry School, including all its components gave a total of \$16,000.65 to the drive, Wendell Dibrell, senior assistant field director, and Gustavus, announced. Station Complement organizations including Station Hospital and ASTP civilian personnel contributed \$10,935.70.

Highest individual unit contribution was the 44th F. A., given by the ASTP Basic Training. Other contributions included: Reception Center, \$3,600.86; 1st STR, \$2,500.00; 2nd STR, \$2,500.00; 3rd STR, \$2,500.00; 4th STR, \$2,500.00; 5th STR, \$2,500.00; 6th STR, \$2,500.00; 7th STR, \$2,500.00; 8th STR, \$2,500.00; 9th STR, \$2,500.00; 10th STR, \$2,500.00; 11th STR, \$2,500.00; 12th STR, \$2,500.00; 13th STR, \$2,500.00; 14th STR, \$2,500.00; 15th STR, \$2,500.00; 16th STR, \$2,500.00; 17th STR, \$2,500.00; 18th STR, \$2,500.00; 19th STR, \$2,500.00; 20th STR, \$2,500.00; 21st STR, \$2,500.00; 22nd STR, \$2,500.00; 23rd STR, \$2,500.00; 24th STR, \$2,500.00; 25th STR, \$2,500.00; 26th STR, \$2,500.00; 27th STR, \$2,500.00; 28th STR, \$2,500.00; 29th STR, \$2,500.00; 30th STR, \$2,500.00; 31st STR, \$2,500.00; 32nd STR, \$2,500.00; 33rd STR, \$2,500.00; 34th STR, \$2,500.00; 35th STR, \$2,500.00; 36th STR, \$2,500.00; 37th STR, \$2,500.00; 38th STR, \$2,500.00; 39th STR, \$2,500.00; 40th STR, \$2,500.00; 41st STR, \$2,500.00; 42nd STR, \$2,500.00; 43rd STR, \$2,500.00; 44th STR, \$2,500.00; 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## Officer Left For Dead On Sicilian Battlefield

The last time Lt. Warren E. Tobias, Jr., of Harrisburg, Pa., saw Lt. R. M. Swagler, of Burbank, Calif., the latter was lying in a ditch in Sicily—dead.

So it was quite a shock—even though someone already had told him that Swagler was still alive—when the California paratrooper walked into Lt. Tobias' office in the Parachute School at Fort Benning the other day. Needless to say, they had a happy reunion. Tobias wasn't the only one who thought Lt. Swagler was killed when shot in the back of the head while leading an assault on the enemy during the second day of the invasion of Sicily. His



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own men left him for dead in a ditch that hot July day. Later he was rescued and given medical aid. Blood plasma put new life into Lt. Swagler. The bullet that might have killed him had been deflected by his helmet and blood transfusions saved his life.

Lt. Swagler dropped down from the Sicilian skies with his unit

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## Woman's Club

By KATHERINE HAMMARGREN  
Lt. Col. Joseph B. McShane, of the General Section of the Academic Department of the Infantry School, will be the speaker for the March 27 meeting of the Current Events group of the Fort Benning Woman's Club. Col. McShane, recently back from Italy, will talk on his experiences there. The meeting, open to all members of the Woman's Club, will begin at 2 p. m. in the ladies lounge of the Officers' Club. On Tuesday, March 28, the bridge group will meet in the ladies lounge of the Officers' Club. Play will follow later in the main lounge of the club.

Plans are underway for the general meeting of the club to be held Monday, April 3. A musical and spring tea, in charge of the music group, will be given at the Polo Hunt Club starting at 3:30 p. m. Arrangements for the meeting, the last general meeting before the traditional May break-fast which concludes the club year, are in charge of Mrs. Donald W. Noske, music chairman.

## SEDER—

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of Fred Grossman will make it possible for soldiers, in application to enjoy the Passover Feast in Columbus homes. Prior to the Seder, Passover evening service will be held beginning at 7 p. m. on the second floor of the USO building. Passover services will also be held Saturday, April 8, at 10 a. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. in the Children's School. Yizkor or Memorial Services will be held Saturday, April 15, at 9 a. m. in Children's School.

The Passover lasting eight days is a reminder of the lesson of human worth, freedom, and dignity, and is a time when the use of Jewish soldiers desiring additional information concerning the Seder may contact Chaplain Shain in his new office in the rear of Ward A-9, Station Hospital, or call FB 3008.

## BOOTS—

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and Sgt. Val Jensen of the Special Service Office. The programs will be presented each week from Service Club No. 7 hereafter. In addition, a Wednesday evening program from 8:30 to 9 p. m. EWV will continue to be broadcast under the title of "Eds and Hiss." This is a combination musical-quiz program.

## COLONEL—

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lieutenant and served overseas with the 38th Infantry. At the end of the war, he had risen to the rank of captain and had participated in the battles of the Aisne, Chateau Thierry, Champagne-Marne, the Argonne and St. Mihiel. He holds the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Since World War I, he has served with the 24th, 28th, 356th, 368th and 45th Infantry regiments. Also he was on R.O.T.C. duty at Ohio State University.

## OFFICERS PROMOTED

Announcement has been made recently of the promotion of nine officers in the Academic Department of the Infantry School to the rank of 1st lieutenant. They are: Leo W. Sweeney, Raymond C. Wittmayer, Robert E. Robson, Owen T. Nielson, John C. Green, Joseph R. Bland, Charles L. Glazer, David F. Laughlin, and A. V. Eager, Jr.

## GOAL IS 2500 NURSES

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The Red Cross is working on a recruiting goal of 2500 nurses a month for the Army and Navy.

the night before Allied troops landed on the Italian island. The unit promptly began carrying out its mission of destroying enemy communications lines and harassing the enemy generally. During the first night and day, they killed or captured a number of Italian and German troops.

The unit ran into organized resistance on the second day. In an effort to knock out troublesome automatic weapons, Lt. Swagler was wounded in both arms by rifle bullets and in the side by mortar fragments. Despite his wounds, however, he continued to lead the assault until wounded in the head.

Four days later he regained consciousness on a boat headed for North Africa. Later he was sent to Holloran General Hospital at Staten Island, N. Y., and finally to Holt General Hospital in Santa Barbara, Calif.

After his release from the hospital, he was offered a disability discharge, but refused—and said he wanted to get into combat again. He recently was assigned to duty with the supply section of the Parachute School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swagler of Burbank, Calif. Lt. Tobias is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Tobias, Sr., of Harrisburg.

## 24th Infantry Is 1st Negro Regiment In Action In South Pacific

The first Negro regiment to see front line action in the South Pacific—the famous 24th Infantry Regiment—was a former Fort Benning outfit, press dispatches from advanced Allied Headquarters in the South Pacific revealed this week.

The first Negro soldier to kill a Japanese in the Solomon, Tech Sgt. Alonzo Douglas, also served here with the 24th Infantry, it was learned. Sgt. Douglas' picture is in a year book published while the regiment was stationed here.

Douglas was a member of a

## MAKIN—

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Gardner Conroy, early in the assault. McDonough related. "He was up with an advancing unit, personally signalling our tanks to attack the main Jap tank barrier, when a sniper plucked him. Gerard W. Kelley, senior lieutenant colonel in the regiment, stepped into his place, and the attack went on. Superb training of officers and men let them carry on almost mechanically even in the face of heavy enemy fire. The swift reduction of the Jap stronghold was largely due to the efforts of one battalion which, together with the tanks and the 16th Infantry, was the seaward side. It was defended by a checkered work of pillboxes and interlocking machine-gun fire.

Makin's defenders had probably never seen "alligators" before. Coming up out of the surf, those tracked monsters must have given the Japs some bad dreams. "A few concrete pillboxes were so thick that even a 75-millimeter shell couldn't pierce them. It took the 16th Infantry, crawling up to stick their pile-drivers into the forts' gunports, to blast open the pillboxes and take them inside them.

"On one stretch of beach the tanks knocked out all pillboxes but one—it was too well camouflaged for the crews to pick out. Sergeant Thompson of the 16th Infantry, pushing a pole-charged ahead of him, slithered up the beach, and the realistic training they had during those five months on Hawaii.

Once his men had taken Makin's fortified village, docks, radio station, and power plant, Colonel Kelley sent a detachment around to the far end of the island to seal off the shallow channel by which any Japs might try to flee to neighboring atolls. A containing force tackled the Japs still in the jungle beyond the settlement.

Finally, on the 23rd of November, 12 hours after the first landing, every last sniper had been cleared out. The only live Japs on Makin were

combat patrol of the 24th, which infiltrated several thousand yards behind enemy lines on Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Island. The patrol worked its way clear of an enemy ambush Sunday and returned to its own position, the press dispatches said.

A battalion of the 24th is holding a front line sector and three combat patrols of the regiment are operating among Japanese lines, it was reported from Bougainville.

The regiment was in garrison at Fort Benning from 1927 to 1942 and went from here directly to a port of embarkation.

prisoners. Not until then did Major General Ralph Smith radio General Richardson, "Makin taken." Makin's seizure by the 24th Infantry formed a fitting climax to Colonel McDonough's association with the regiment, that he first joined nearly 22 years ago.

Young Joe McDonough had started his freshman year at Georgetown University, in Washington, D. C., in September 1918, while the first World War still raged in Europe. He lost little time in enrolling in the ROTC. "When peace came, he continued in the Reserve Officers Training Corps, rising to cadet major.

His professor of Military Science and Tactics at Georgetown was Major—now Brigadier General—William H. Hobson, post commander of Fort Benning to

day. In his teachings, McDonough remembers, General Hobson stressed a few points not in the book: the disregard of government property, the honor of an Army officer, and the fact that his word is his bond.

When Joe was graduated from Georgetown in 1922, he was offered, at General Hobson's recommendation, a regular army commission. He had to turn it down—the McDonough family needed another breadwinner.

"I've always regretted that decision," he had to make. But the Army has been my avocation ever since," said McDonough.

He accepted a reserve commission, returned to New York, and joined his "grand old 69th," now the 165th Infantry, as a second lieutenant in the National Guard. Six months later McDonough was promoted to first lieutenant, and three months after that, to captain.

An insurance broker in civilian life, Colonel McDonough and his wife, the former Miss Katherine Devereux of Minneapolis, make their permanent home at 270 Clinton avenue, New Rochelle, N. Y. In 1925 he was assigned to the staff of the 93rd Infantry Brigade, then part of the 27th Division, New York National Guard. McDonough became a major in 1934 and lieutenant colonel in 1940, shortly before his organization was called to federal service. He returned to the 165th in January 1942, first as a battalion commander and then as regimental executive officer.

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## Berlin, Georgia Edition, Won, Lost By Lucky Units

BY PVT. RALPH ROGERS  
There's a tiny burg in the heart of Georgia that changes hands more often than a diamond ring in Hollywood.

The hamlet, dubbed "Little Berlin," is a mock village that provides adequate facilities and effects for "Combat in Cities" training, an important phase of the Seventh Armored Division's current range program.

Dozens of times a day this little village is attacked and "taken" by units of the "Lucky Seventh." Between attacks it is returned to the "enemy" which sets up well camouflaged booby traps in preparation for the next assault.

The numerous booby traps, combined with sniping targets in second-story windows, tend to give the defended position (simulated) a realistic touch. Barbed wire entanglements, shell

holes in the streets and trenches and worn fences surrounding the village serve to hamper the advance of attacking forces.

Upon reaching the first row of buildings, the attacking units clean out each structure in turn as they advance down the main thoroughfare. Smooth team-work is essential in routing the "defenders."

The village, constructed by the 33rd Engineer Battalion (Armed), is a typical small town. It features one street and a public square on which are located a church, hotel, barber shop, beer halls and several other establishments.

Practically every unit in the Seventh receives "Combat in Cities" training. The units are broken down into platoons for attacks on the village, with each member of a platoon being armed with his individual weapon.

## Battle-Separated Brothers Reunited In Infantry School

Eighteen months ago in the steaming jungle of New Guinea, Staff Sergeant Gilbert A. Demers, hunched the damp ground beside a twisting trail. It was hot as all blazes and the Japs had been too close for comfort for quite some time.

Just across the trail, about five feet away lay another soldier. This other man, be-grimed with dirt and sweat was Gilbert's brother, Captain William G. Demers. Brother Bill had the weight of responsibility that goes with a heavy weapons company upon his shoulders. "D" Company was the "Old Man's" personal light artillery. The Company Commander just has to know the score if he didn't. That was the picture on December 5, 1942—two brothers in the same battle fighting the same bloody battle for the love of that country they had long since left

behind. They knew of each other's presence although not daring to call out a sign of recognition.

Then the Japs opened up with some artillery and the place was plastered. Sneaking a look, Gilbert was just in time to see his brother smacked with a hunk of shrapnel. Not daring to move to his aid, he then saw the litter men carry him off to the aid station.

This was the last time Sergeant Demers saw his brother, Captain William Demers until last week when he finally caught up with him in the 5th Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, where he is taking an Officers' Advanced Course at The Infantry School.

It was a happy reunion. Captain Demers learned that the Sergeant had been grazed by a sniper upon one occasion but not seriously enough to require evacuation. Sgt. Demers continued to serve through the entire Buna campaign and was finally brought down with malaria. His illness resulted in his being shipped out of the combat zone and back to the States.

When Sergeant Gilbert Demers left the islands he did not leave the Demers family entirely unprotected in the South Pacific. Another fighting Demers is "ill in New Guinea, Staff Sergeant Alfred Demers, who is with the 5th Battalion and was fighting in another sector when the above incident took place.

The Demers boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Demers, 1012 South Main Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

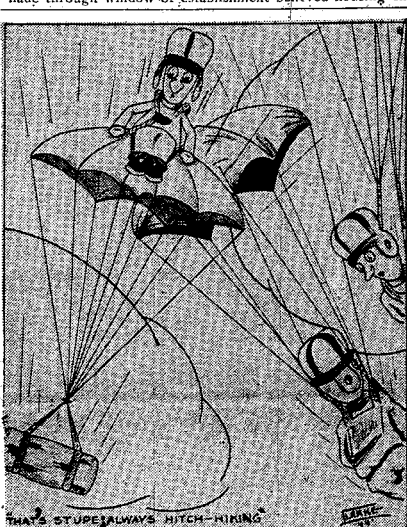


"DOUGHBOYS ROUT 'ENEMY'"—Infantrymen of the 7th Armored Division are shown above cleaning out enemy-held village during "combat in cities" training: "Riflemen in foreground, covered by buddies in rear, is about to toss hand grenade through window of establishment believed housing enemy snipers. (Official U. S. Army Photo, 7th A. D.)

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## Free Land Available For Servicemen After War

Every soldier, sailor and marine who followed by early pioneer with pioneer spirit . . . and in some cases, not much of that is necessary . . . who is willing to live on a tract of land for a year after he completes his term of service may consider the land as good as his, according to LAND FREE FOR THE BRAVE, an article by Eugene Swan, Jr., which appears in the April issue of ESQUIRE magazine. More than 50 million acres of land in 25 states and another 323 acres in Alaska are available to citizens who are willing to comply with the liberal provisions of the Homestead Act.

Servicemen and women stand to profit most from this seldom-mentioned government policy because their service with the armed forces automatically dispenses them from two of the three years residence requirement of the act. But any American citizen, 21 years of age or the head of a family may file a claim with the United States Commissioner for up to 160 acres of land, and may expect to own it, lock, stock and barrel, after three years of residence on it.

In selecting land in any of the twenty-five states for homesteading, it is necessary to have the government classify the tract you select as "unreserved and unappropriated." This is a result of the conservation program of 1894-5 when all land in the States was withdrawn for classification.

In Alaska, however, so much of the land is unsurveyed that it is necessary actually to mark out the boundaries of your claim, says ESQUIRE.

If you pick your land in Alaska, you'll follow a pattern similar

to that followed by early pioneers who homesteaded new territory. You will first mark off the piece of land you desire, making sure that it is not more than a mile long, with the side lines running North and South. Inside this rectangle, a notice must be posted, bearing your name, the date of posting the claim, and a description of the claim and its boundaries. Sometime during the next 90 days, you notify the nearest U. S. Commissioner that you have staked out this claim.

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After this, you make an entry on a special form, obtained from the nearest land office, paying a \$5-\$10 fee and a \$2-\$8 commission. Then you return to your land within six months after the date of filing the entry-blank and live on it and improve it for the required three years. "Improving" the land, in the eyes of the government, consists of cultivating not less than one-eighth of the tract after three years and building a habitable house after five years, says ESQUIRE. Homesteaders who have filled these requirements next submit proof that they have done so. They pay an additional commission of from \$2-\$8, the cost of advertising a proof notice and a testimony fee of a few cents for each hundred words in the written proof submitted. Thus, any American with the ambition to do it, can get an 80-acre tract of land for three years' residence and about \$14 in fees. For disabled servicemen, the residence requirement is waived altogether . . . and the one-year requirement for other veterans makes homesteading an attractive future for them, ESQUIRE concludes.

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**Veteran Officer Retires After 31 Years' Army Tour**  
Maj. B. F. Delaney, executive officer for the ordnance automotive group at Fort Benning, is retiring this week after 31 years of service in the Army.  
Maj. Delaney joined the Army at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., passing as 21 years old, although he was only 16 at the time. He served in the old 3rd and then the 6th Cavalry regiments. He served for 23 months in France and saw service at Fort Sam Houston and Fort Brown, Tex.; Fort Ethel Allen, Va.; Fort Myer, Va., and Fort Riley, Kansas.  
He was a master sergeant when America went to war in 1941, and was commissioned a captain in the Ordnance Branch in July 1942. He came to Fort Benning in June 1943, and was commissioned a major last September.  
An expert shot with both rifle and pistol, he has graduated twice from the Army Cavalry School at Fort Riley, Kan. He also is an expert ball player, having played Army baseball and basketball for more than 20 years. He plans on going into war work on his retirement.  
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"Everyone knows the Nazi record on religion. Both at home and abroad Hitler and his followers have waged a ruthless war against the churches of all faiths. Now the German army has used the holy city of Rome as a military center. No one could have been surprised by this. It is only the latest of Hitler's many affronts to religion. It is a logical step in the Nazi policy of total war—a policy which treats nothing as sacred. We on our side have made freedom of religion one of the principles for which we are fighting this war. We have tried scrupulously—often at considerable sacrifice—to spare religious and cultural monuments, and we shall continue to do so."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

## Non-Coms' Swearing Becomes Offensive

The other day there arrived at Post Headquarters an anonymous postal card from Detroit, Mich., addressed to the Commanding Officer in which the good lady voiced a protest against the use of profanity by her husband's non-coms. THE BAYONET ordinarily pays no attention to anonymous correspondence, but we make an exception in this particular case because the postal card certainly has its points.

"My husbands," the card reads "is in your camp and writes that the corporals and sergeants swear at him every time they give an order. Now, why is that necessary, pray tell. We have been married 15 yrs. and have children and in all those years we never swore around the house. He resents it and I don't blame him. He feels more like fighting the men who swear at him than the Nazis and Japs."

Now the lady may be exaggerating a bit perhaps; at any rate we sincerely hope she is. We are inclined to believe that the non-coms she mentions have erroneously been imbued with the idea that swearing adds emphasis to an order and they probably play no favorites in aiming profanity.

Yet there is no necessity of using profanity either in the Army or anywhere else. Recently General Dwight D. Eisenhower issued a word of caution to our fighting men in Europe warning them against use of profanity, especially in public. Moreover, General George Washington in a general order published in July 1776 in New York, had this to say about the subject:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American Army, is growing into fashion. He hopes the officers will by example as well as in person, endeavor to check it, and that both they and the men will reflect, that we can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms, if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

So there you have it! Two great leaders, past and present, of our Armies censure the use of profanity. Let those addicted to its use consider these opinions and determine whether "cussin'" serves any great purpose.

## Bayonet's Founder Leaves Fort Benning

Early this week, members of THE BAYONET staff regretfully bade farewell to the officer who fathered the idea of establishing the all-post newspaper as a medium of drawing closer together widely scattered elements of this immense reservation by carrying news and notices of mutual or special interest to officers and men, their families, and civilians alike.

He is Major Russell Hammargren, who has been assigned to another and important task elsewhere after having served for more than two years as post public relations officer at Fort Benning. Immediately upon his assignment here, Major (then 1st lieutenant) Hammargren, who had just completed a three-month course as an Infantry School student officer, began to press for the realization of a need which he spotted no sooner than he had arrived—a post newspaper. That dream reached fruition the following September, 1942.

A practical newspaperman of long experience and a professor of journalism on leave of absence, Major Hammargren was equipped to give wise counsel in the formulating of editorial policy and in solving knotty problems arising from time to time.

The Major taught us much of value which we shall long remember. He will always occupy a special place in our mental album of unforgettable characters, and wherever Army orders may send him in the trying days to come, we want him to know that he carries with him our very best wishes for continued success and good luck. Mail and farewell!

## Coming Elections Never More Important

The program for America is in the headlines. Invasion and election. Before the year is out these two events will have left their mark on every American home. In moments like these the history and the future of democracy is written with a pen of every citizen.

Around the stove in the country store, at the assembly lines in war factories and in city conference rooms, the nation is busily preparing for both events. "Storming fortress Europe is going to be a bloody business. A precedent-breaking Presidential election threatens to spill a lot of mud, if not blood."

The backwash of both invasion and election is likely to be a wave of uncontrolled emotions. Fear and selfish grief and bitterness will sweep the country. Then America will face her gravest danger in this war. For in that mood our people will be open to subtle conquest by philosophies based on hate.

At this crucial time in the nation's life we need a counter invasion. Like tanks rolling across the lowlands of Holland and the fields of France, we need a new spirit rolling across

America. The answer to selfishness is a new spirit in every home, farm, factory and office. That spirit must permeate our election. This year we will choose a President. There is also another choice before us. Will we choose to accept the moral change in ourselves that will match the dedication of our boys at the front? Then our decisions in the polling booth and in every issue of war and post-war adjustment will be made on a basis of what's right and not who's right.

Rearmed in this way we can face both the invasion and election free from the emotions that divide and weaken. We will invade more than foreign soil. We will invade the thinking of the post-war world. We will choose more than a President. We will choose a future that has been worth fighting for.

## Congratulations to City That Kept a Secret

March 31, 1944 marks the second anniversary since completion of the first M-7 by the American Locomotive Company of Schenectady, N. Y. The M-7 is a mobile 105 mm. gun mounted on a tank chassis, which has been partly credited with the rout of Marshall Rommel's Afrika Korps by the British Eighth Army. The M-7, also known as the "tank killer" and "The Priest," was a closely guarded secret until December 28, 1942, when the Army gave its first official approval of publication of news concerning this secret weapon.

During the nine months of secrecy, 8,000 American Locomotive Company workers saw thousands of these weapons being produced under their eyes, and shipped to destinations later unknown to them. One of these destinations later proved to be the African battlefield, where General Montgomery launched his famous drive that has since kept the enemy on the run. It was the M-7, made in Schenectady, that helped to turn the tide of battle in favor of the Allies.

Meanwhile, the M-7 could not be concealed from the people of Schenectady. Workers and their families, local editors and radio commentators, garage mechanics and thousands of other citizens could plainly see the huge weapon as it rumbled through the streets of Schenectady on its way to the proving grounds. For there was no way to conceal them. Hundreds of them were in full view of the populace as they were loaded on flat cars for shipment.

Yet the whole city of Schenectady kept the Army's secret so well that the Germans were taken completely by surprise when these tank destroyers went out and stopped his famous mobile 88's.

Here is a story with a moral for the people in America, and one that should serve as a model in the effort of our Government to develop among the people of this country a greater sense of the importance of secrecy with respect to war production, troop movements, etc.

The citizens of Schenectady—100,000 Americans who knew the importance of keeping a secret—deserve the congratulations of all Americans for their loyalty and cooperation in such an important situation. March 31 is the day on which "The City That Kept a Secret" might well receive such congratulations. In behalf of all comrades in arms, THE BAYONET extends such congratulations. Would that more of us could emulate such devotion to duty.

**ROAD TO TRIPOLI**  
On the northern coast of Africa,  
Where the sands meet with the sea,  
There's a road that winds a westward way  
From the Nile to Tripoli.

And I have traveled far along this road  
Through the late-war battle ground.  
And thoughtful in the wake of way  
This is what I found:

Ghosts of men, ghosts of tanks,  
Ghosts of a shattered town  
Ghosts of guns trained on the sky  
And ghosts of planes shot down.

Thrice an army drove eastward  
Thrice times back to the west  
Each time a trail of men and steel  
Was added to the rest.

Tanks with scorched and swollen scars  
Where bursting shells came through  
Stand guard in the glare of a mocking sun  
O'er graves of a fighting crew.

Planes with noses deep in the earth  
And their tails flung to the sky  
Stand monument to a race of men  
Who chose this way to die.

Grave yards of steel, grave yards of men,  
I know not which are more.  
I smile to think my plane and I  
May be added to the score.

And though the roads of the world be mine  
There's a road I shall always see  
That ghosts lead, that westward route  
From the Nile to Tripoli.

F. T. JAMES J. GOSLINE,  
Co. C, 71st Tank Battalion.

We hear about cold hearts. The truth is everybody is warm-hearted. But too many of us keep this warmth wrapped entirely around ourselves.



"We haf safed Europe from der Reds, Joff. Maybe ve het better go home now und safe Chermany!"

## USO Presents—

Concert, Brunch Club, Blind Pianist, Movie On Va-tican

By PFC. LOUISE WILKIE  
The Fort Benning-Columbus Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the 9th Street USO, will be presented in concert Sunday afternoon in the auditorium of the Children's School at the post. The program will begin at 3 o'clock.

The Cochran Field soldier revue, "Red, White and Khaki," which was scheduled for next Wednesday at the 9th Street club, has been cancelled due to the injury of several members of the cast. The USO is now making arrangements with the Atlanta Little Theater to present a revue at the club about the middle of next month.

The YMCA USO, 1425 3rd Avenue, has a new feature of interest to army wives. It's the Brunch Club, which meets every Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Benning time... The programs will include music, dramatic skits, and open forums on subjects of interest to army wives. Members also will be taken on sightseeing tours... Wives of officers and enlisted men are eligible for membership in the club.

Edgar White, blind pianist who is an old favorite with Fort Benning GIs is now being presented at the Salvation Army USO, 1323 Broadway, on Saturday afternoons at 4 o'clock... He'll play requests for old or new songs, and anyone who feels like singing is invited to join in the informal song-fests that always develop when Mr. White starts to play... His Sunday night programs, set for 8:30, will continue as usual.

## This Khaki'd World—

By PVT. G. I. GRIFE

Slightly bewildered was Maj. E. F. Delaney, executive officer for the ordnance automotive group this week. After 31 years in the Army, serving in all ranks from private to major general before he was commissioned, he is retiring. And before he can retire, he has to get a thorough physical examination. What bewildered him was that he had been in the station hospital for several weeks and thought they ought to know all about him without giving him another physical. He'll retire as a master sergeant, by the way, his permanent rank.

Headline in last week's "Bayonet" says "Funny Thing But G. I. Got Overseas Pay While At Home." Lots of readers kidded Capt. Schweitzer who wrote it, because if you read it right, it sounds as though the writer got the overseas pay.

Sgt. Jim McManus, maestro of Warehouse 27, is not quite sure whether he ever dare go back home. Seems that the worthy son of the old sod was nominated to carry the guidon for his outfit in first of the monthly retreat parades, which came on March 15th. And being in the Quartermaster, naturally the guidon was buff colored. Sgt. McManus was pretty glum as he watched headquarters outfits going by with green pennants and at last telling, he still thinks somebody, somewhere, somehow, must have had it in

The Junior Hostesses of the Salvation Army USO in Phenix City will entertain tonight with a party beginning at 8 o'clock... Tomorrow night a specially invited group will go on a winter roast at a farm on the Opelika highway.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Service Men's Wives Club will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Lutheran Service Center, 1104 1-2 Broadway... The weekly meeting of the Center League, an informal discussion group for Lutheran service men and women, will be held at 8:30 Saturday night.

Current attention centering on time and its possible fate in this war adds interest to the movie, "Story of the Vatican," which will be shown at 8:30 Tuesday night in Club Room No. 3 of the 9th Street USO... The showing was arranged through the National Catholic Community Service.

A floor show and dance highlight the Saturday night entertainment bill at the Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street. The show will begin at 8 o'clock, and the 178th Infantry will furnish music for dancing at 9... The same group will play for the club's Tuesday night dance, also set for 9 o'clock. Benning time... Other dances of the week include the regular Saturday night affair at the 9th Street USO, with a 7th Armored Division orchestra playing for dancing from 9 to 11:15.

For the Irish when they assigned the orange looking color to the Quartermaster troops.

Lt. Donald H. Kimball was seriously ill with pneumonia the other day in Station Hospital, one floor above the maternity ward. And the same day they brought Mrs. Kimball into the maternity ward. In order that he could see his new seven-pound baby daughter, hospital officials arranged to have a picture taken of mother and baby. At last reports, the whole family was doing well.

"Glad to see the 300th 'Saber' coming out, even though it's mimeographed now instead of printed. Gotta give those boys credit for trying hard under difficult circumstances."

Puzzle of the week—Staff Sgt. Gordon Hyde of Academics, says he can't "anack up" because a wash machine he put together from parts of two antique models—has no legs. Nobody can quite figure what that has to do with the case.

Seems that in the Academics, the boys of Company C and the WACademics are having some sort of feud over who didn't go with whom or who wanted to be fed most, at a dance. It's all most confounding.

Lawson Field "Tall Skid" credits Corp. Rice of "Fightin'



## Chaplain's Corner..

Chaplain J. W. Westerman

In the Congressional Library at Washington, in a very carefully guarded case, is to be found the most valuable book in all the world. Congress in 1930 appropriated \$1,500,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Voltaire Collection of Fifteenth Century books. The most important book in this collection was a copy of the Gutenberg Bible, considered the most costly piece of printing on earth, and reputed to be worth a million dollars today.

This Book of books is one of three perfect copies now in existence that were printed by Johannes Gutenberg in 1455. Of the millions of volumes we find in the Congressional Library, this book is now one of the greatest treasures.

But now may I ask, could any book be more precious to man than the Bible? No other book on the face of the earth contains a living message for every race, and no other writing claims to be the direct communication of God to men.

True there are some who will find it in nothing more than a masterpiece of literature, and no one can deny the fact that the Bible contains some of the very finest of poetry, prose and drama. But the Christian who accepts the teaching of Jesus Christ and follows His words, must accept the entire Bible as the inspired word of God.

He cannot accept some portions as being divinely given, while others are of human origin.

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God." 2 Timothy 3, 16.

54th with a nifty—"The Mason Dixon" line used to separate "you-all" from "yessus guys."

Sgt. Tom McDonald has them thinking in the Soda Shop that he's not trying to beat them out of some income when he brings his lunch in a paper bag, but that he's waiting for his boss, Col. Swampwater.

Judging from that pix of "Spirits" (bull dog mascot of the regt.) on front page of 176th's paper the flesh is willing but "Spirits" is weak.

Sgt. Bill Beam of D company, 176th, expecting Purple Heart for "wound" from firecracker on one of those problems recently.

And in the Cannon company of the "Spirits" Regt., they claim that three of the cooks, Corp. Redfield, Pfc. Binger and Pfc. Burton are so tired of their own cooking they have sent for their wives!

My stockings are full of feet and legs  
And the runs are a sight to see,  
But I've spent all my money  
buying bonds  
So please don't stare at me!  
—Gutman Cheesehead.

## Key Says—

Again She Goes Thru Ordeal Of Packing Hubby Off To New Station

Now I begin to see why so many wives follow their husbands from post to post, putting up with inconveniences and discomforts when they could be comfortably ensconced in some fairly permanent place. Let them protest all they please that they want to be with their husbands as long as they possibly can; I know better. It's because after a few experiences watching some men pack, the simplest thing seems to be to go along and do their packing and unpacking for them.

Granted, some men excel in packing ability. They pack with precision and dispatch, with every thing in its place and a place for everything. But there's many a man in this army's who's gotten by only because the little woman takes a hand, and heaven help him when he's finally out on his own and has to cram his clothes into an army locker.

We've just had such an experience in our family. Sudden orders necessitated fast action, and after a day of frantic preparation and last minute details nothing remained but the ordeal of packing. This time my efficient husband was resolved to do his own packing, so he'd know where everything was when he had to unload. The army locker was dragged from beneath the bed, dusted off, unburdened of its load of odds and ends, and the packing started.

Ensued an hour of subdued footsteps overhead, mutterings increasing in volume, and finally an outburst of vigorous language to which our young son listened in

open-mouthed admiration. An irate but bewildered husband roared down the stairs, announcing that the blankety-blank locker was filled to the brim and there seemed to be quite a residue. A survey revealed uniforms still in their pristine glory on the bed, while the locker bulged with sun helmets, hats, shoes and shoe trees, a portable radio and a fan.

Over the protests of an indignant spouse, the collection came out and the uniforms were packed lightly there still remained a considerable number of articles which somehow had to be disposed of. It was then that my determination to keep the car wavered, and two hours later my husband ventured forth to his new station with the back seat of the family automobile loaded down with enough equipment to assure him of all the comforts of home.

Long ago I had reached the decision that a wife is often more of a detriment than an asset to a husband when he is a member of the armed forces. I had determined that on my husband's next move I would settle down, to wait until we could once more return to some sort of normal life. But that was when I had cheerfully forgotten the strain of getting a man packed and off. Two or three frantic letters asking where I packed the socks and where are the extra buttons, and out of sheer desperation I'll be off again to see that my husband's unpacking doesn't degenerate into an ordeal calculated to lower the morale of at least one member of the armed forces.

## Sgt. McDonald's Basket

Sarge Cites Cotton Gin Factor

By S-SGT. TOM McDONALD  
This afternoon while Colonel Swampwater was in secret conference with his regimental staff, I decided to do a bit of reading. This seemed to be the most agreeable means of passing time since my colleague, Private Sawgrass had been dispatched on a mission to obtain some poker chips.

Having a desire to take my mind off of the horrors of the present war, I checked out a book called, "Liberalism in the South" by Virginia Dabney of Richmond, Virginia.

After reading a few chapters I was stimulated to mental activity. Any book that can accomplish this is quite a work. Mr. Dabney holds both an A.B. and M.A. as well as a Phi Beta Kappa key from the University of Virginia, one of the three highest rated universities in the south. He is now on the editorial staff of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Even though military progress is quite the vague now, the latent civilian characteristics that I have, call forth my undoubted admiration for genuine scholarly attainments.

"Liberalism" he says, "is a body of doctrine which has as its center the principle of the dignity and worth of the individual." I resolved at this point to call Colonel Swampwater's attention to this quotation sometime in the near future in the hopes that it may help some impetus to Private Sawgrass' struggle for promotion to PFC.

Mr. Dabney applies the liberal doctrine honestly and fearlessly, without question-begging to the problems that have vexed the south. Beginning from the era of Thomas Jefferson, (1776-1830) even greater era.



Col. Swampwater's Masterpieces—Home On Furlough



# Mother and Daughter Serve in Woman's Army Corps

Most members of the Woman's Army Corps have proud mothers who admire them for volunteering for military duty. But in the Trueblood family of Indianapolis, Ind., it also works the other way—while Sgt. Frances M. Trueblood is serving in WAC Detachment Two, The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Sgt. Lola K. Trueblood, her mother, is with the Air WACS at Greenville, Miss.

The younger member of the Trueblood WACS was taking her basic at Dayton, Pa., in February, 1945, when her mother arrived and served with her until June. Air WAC Trueblood is now a first cook, while Infantry WAC Trueblood is a messenger and driver in the Automotive Section of The Infantry School. Both are line sergeants, a rating not commonly held in WAC units, and both have applied for overseas duty.

For Sgt. Frances Trueblood, this is not her first experience in what used to be called "man's world." She has been a government inspector in a defense plant, qualified to handle precision and measurement inspection, and for eight or nine years before her enlistment she was a prominent semi-professional athlete, averaging better than three games a week, and picked or first baseman on some of the finest softball teams in the Midwest.

As the son at the left the Paris (Ind.) High school she signed up with the Hoosier Athletic club in Indianapolis as a basketball player. Batting .680 and sometimes playing as many as four or five games a week, she helped her school team win three state championships the following year. In 1933 the Hoosier basketball five also won the Indiana title in a league crowded with 14 top-notch teams.

As a result of her record with Hoosier, she graduated to the Illinois circuit, playing for two years with the Nones-Bettors of Chicago. When the war became a serious matter for the serious-minded woman of America, Trueblood gave up her semi-pro career and studied precision measurement in a defense school, took a civil service exam, and worked for a year as an inspector. In January, 1945, she reported for active duty with the "Woman's Auxiliary Army Corps, and after finishing her basics and the motor course, became an instructor in second echelon mechanics at Dayton.

One of the highlights of her military career was the 150-mile cross-country trip which the motor WACS at Dayton had to make. As a sergeant and a section leader, Trueblood was in charge of the vehicles. WAC SOFTBALL. While at Dayton, she played on the WAC softball team that took the SPAs to the top of two occasions. At present assigned to headquarters of the Automotive Section expecting eventual assignment to the Academic Motor Pool, she is a member of the WAC Detachment Two softball team that will start practice as soon as the weather permits. Since there are women's teams in Columbus and several WAC squads at Benning, it looks as if Trueblood will have a busy athletic summer. That is, until she achieves her final military ambition of going overseas.

"I want to beat before I settle down after the war," she says. "Service in the Woman's Army Corps has been a great experience, above all, WACS will know better than civilian women exactly what the war was like and what the post-war world should be like."

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**MOM'S IN THE ARMY TOO**—Meet Sgt. Frances M. Trueblood, of Indianapolis, driver and messenger in the automotive section of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Sgt. Lola K. Trueblood, her mother, is first cook in the Air WAC Detachment at Greenville, Miss. Sgt. Frances Trueblood was formerly a government inspector in a defense plant and is qualified to handle precision and measurement instruments. (Official U. S. Army photo—The Infantry School.)

## Captain Gets Silver Star As Wac Wife Looks On

Capt. James B. Lyle, an instructor in the Weapons Section of The Infantry School was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during a review by troops of the 17th Infantry at the Main Post. The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, commandant, in the presence of several hundred civilian and military personnel, including the Captain's wife, Sgt. Sunshine Lyle, a WAC assigned to The Infantry School Headquarters.

Captain Lyle, who commanded a Ranger company during the invasions of Africa, Sicily and Italy, was decorated for his part in the invasion of Sicily. His citation reads: "Captain Lyle was placed in command of two Ranger companies assigned the mission of destroying a fixed enemy coastal gun position on the high ground of the west edge of an invasion point in Sicily. Under cover of darkness, he led his forces to within 100 yards of this position at which point the forces came under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. In the face of this heavy fire, Captain Lyle led a section of men around to a flank position and then straight into the enemy emplacement. Captain Lyle's good judgment and his readiness to carry the fight to the enemy saved the loss of life, implicit in a frontal attack, and resulted in the capture of two three-inch coastal batteries and one mortar battery. The capture of these positions was highly essential to the establishment of an anchorage and to the successful landing of the following waves."

Captain Lyle, whose home is in Del Rio, La., entered service in 1935, has served with the 8th Infantry in the 34th Division, the 135th Infantry and the 1st Ranger Battalion for which he volunteered.

He was graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1941 and was sent overseas in April of 1942. His outfit was with the first landing units in Africa in November 1942 and also among the first in Sicily in July of last year. After the Sicilian campaign was concluded, his outfit landed with the first units at Mario, Italy in September 1943. Shortly after this operation, he was stricken with malaria contracted in Sicily and evacuated to Africa, from whence he was subsequently sent back to the States. Of the enemies he faced, he reports: "The French, who we fought in the initial landings, were poorly equipped but good fighters. The Italians were poor fighters and easy to cause to surrender. The Germans were well equipped and highly trained in their experiences, the one that stands out prominently occurred in Gela, Sicily where, in the thick of battle, the civilian population continued to run up and down the streets, striving for vantage points to view the operation."

## Former Spirits Meet Again In New Guinea

Three former members of Company D of the 176th Infantry of The Infantry School have met one another in New Guinea. Cpl. Stan Camars, Pfc. Joe Luceti, and Pvt. Nevitt Powell are the three former Spirit-men.

In a letter from Cpl. Camars, Company D was informed of this happy occurrence. "After shaking hands with each other," said Cpl. Camars, "we immediately started talking about old times with the good old 176th. Boy, it was great. We are all Paratroopers, starting out from different outfits while in the States, but ending up together on this side of the ocean. This place is strange, since we all left Company D at different times. Luceti and I are Philadelphia boys, while Powell hails from Indiana.

"This place reminds me of A. P. Hill, only Washington isn't 50 miles away. I sure look forward to receiving the Spirit. I like to know what the gang is doing. Oh yes, I happened to have a copy of the newspaper in my pocket when I met up with the other boys, and showed it to them. They ate it up."

"We had a real old-fashioned 'bull-session,' using the Spirit as a guide. Well, give my regards to the old gang, and good luck."

The letter was signed by Cpl. Stan Camars.

## Officers' Rental Allowance Simplified

Here's some good news for officers at Fort Benning—if the live in separate quarters of the Post they need no longer have to have some responsible officer sign their pay vouchers in order to collect their rental allowance. Now all they have to do is to write in the space that they formerly had fill in, in detail, "See Par. 19 AR 35-4220." It was announced today by Col. J. H. McFall, director of the fiscal division at Fort Benning.

"Fresh up"..  
that's it!

You like it...it likes you!

## Worm Turns Temporarily For Wac Duo

It was almost like having a chance to take part in that radio program where some lucky dogface is granted his fondest dream of revenge against the topknot. When they stood, the WACS from 2nd Battalion Headquarters, 1st Student Training Regiment, of The Infantry School, looking down at the infiltration course from the tower, while below them in the dust were the twin haunts of their existence, the adjutant and his assistant.

Flat on their stomachs, faces in the dirt, crawling through the wire while machine guns raved over them and dynamite burst around them, crawled wave after wave of men. And somewhere among them, dirty and sweating—probably for the first time in years—were those two lords of creation, whose slightest whim was law in the office. Boy, oh boy—or girl.

"Can you tell which ones are the Captain and the Lieutenant?"

"Yeah, they're over to the right in the first wave."

"Wow, I'll bet that blast shook him up. He doesn't look so superior now."

"Darned right, he doesn't. Look at 'em sweat. Must be pretty tough going."

"Maybe it is, but doggone it, 'tain't fair. Why can't we do that, too?"

## STORY OF PISTOL AIRED

On Monday, March 27, 1944, on the WSB, Atlanta, radio program, "Salute to the Services," there will be another program in The Infantry School's "Thirteen Weapons of War" series. The story of the Infantry pistol will be told. Lt. Col. Charles Colster, who advises The Infantry School's instruction in the pistol, will appear on the program.

Regular baking soda, mixed with a small amount of talcum powder, makes a good fire extinguisher powder.



**HIS HOME TOWN IS THE** "U. S. ARMY"—at least that's the locale given by 1st Sgt. William H. Jasemann who has spent nearly all his 27 years in the Army overseas. At present he is understanding 1st Sgt. Wilson L. Harpe, preparatory to taking over the top-kick's job in Co. H of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Sgt. Jasemann, whose hometown is Toledo, O., joined the Army in 1917, has served in England, France, Germany, the Panama Canal Zone, and the Philippines. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

## Medicos Mark St. Pat's Day

Last Thursday evening, the enlisted men and officers of the 135th General Hospital, played host to the Military Maids of Columbus, civilian girls employed by the Army and WACS of the Infantry Detachment, at a St. Patrick's Dance. The affair was held at the Polo Hunt Club, designated and named "The Shamrock Inn" for the evening. The club was amply decorated with green as the motif, and arranged in cabaret style.

Sgt. Frohman, and his 222nd Army Band supplied the music to which the men and guests danced the light fantastic. One of the features of the evening was a floor show with Sgt. Isidore Zamosky as master of ceremonies. The latter rendered several vocal acts to the behest of the merry maker.

A GI skit by Sgt. Israel "Murphy" Glassman and Cpl. Anthony DiCostanzo consisting of a display of some 14 different hats issued by the Army, brought forth much applause and laughter.

Of key rings, hair ribbon bows and novelties were presented to the fair sex by the committee. Although the evening was warm and the dancing hot, the men and ladies were amply nourished with waffles and hot chocolate to further increase the "heat wave." However, the evening was later "chilled" by an avalanche of cold cuts.

Members of the entertainment and recreation committee consisted of Sgts. Milton Brachfeld, Frederick H. Feinberg, Thomas W. Mood, Jr., Ward J. Chaffield, Herman F. Johnson, Waverly H.

Barnum, William Ewig, Jr., Alen Brownstein, Kenneth E. La Prall, Irving R. Shemeley, Wilbur M. Davis, Cpl. Joseph E. Combs, Robert L. Jervis, Everett L. Page, Jack Olchin.

The Special Service Office is 2d Lt. Roland A. Johnson.

Italy has an area less than that of Mexico.



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HOT DIGGETY—HERE'S OUR OLD ACCORDION TOO— AND LOOK! IT'S STILL GOOD— LET'S SEND THAT ALONG—

REMEMBER HOW UNCLE JIM USED TO PLAY "THE BLUE OF THE NIGHT" OVER AND OVER ON THIS— AND NOW HE'S WAY OUT IN GUADALCANAL WHERE THERE'S NO MUSIC AT ALL, I GUESS!

AND LOOK, JUDY, HERE'S THAT LITTLE FLUTE THAT YOU PLAYED IN THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE—LET'S SEND IT ALONG—

COME ON, JIMMY—NOW LET'S COVER THE BLOCK AND SEE WHAT THE NEIGHBORS HAVE

DO YOU THINK THIS BIG BAZOOKA MIGHT SCARE A JAP, MR. MURPHY?

SURE THING, AND BELIEVE ME—SOME HOMESICK YANK WILL GIVE YOU KIDS A HAND FOR THIS—GOSH—HERE COMES THE "COKE" TRUCK FOR 'EM RIGHT NOW—

BE SURE TO GIVE MY FLUTE TO SOME NICE WAC

SURE THING—SIS!

COME ON, LET'S SING "MEMORIES" JUST ONCE MORE FOR WHOEVER IT WAS THAT REMEMBERED US WITH THESE SWEET SQUEEZE BOXES AND SWEET POTATO PIPES!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

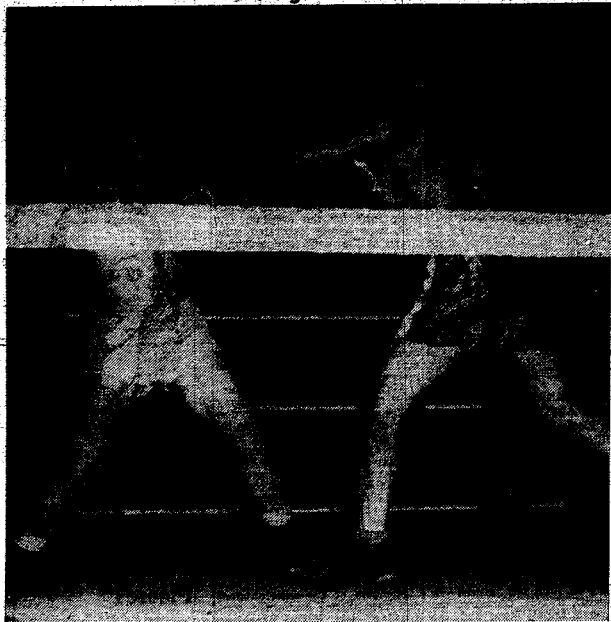
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## Middleweights in Action



**ANGIERI BLOCKS**—Mike Angieri, rugged 33rd Engineer middleweight, is shown above at left as he blocks a hard punch by Ernie Swan, his 542nd Parachute rival in last Thursday's ring card at the post gym. The battle was one of the most intense of the evening with Angieri coming off the victory by the decision of the judges. (Official 7th AD Photo.)

## Two Star-Studded Ring Cards In Post Tournery Scheduled During Week

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and Vic Thompson (176th) battles Horace Hancock (434th) Walter Nielson (4th Infantry) will meet Rene Guilbault (542nd) in a welter clash, while Lou Belgio (469th Ordnance Evacuation Co.) climbs in against Jim Smith (of the 542nd Parachutes).

### ALL-COLORED CARD

Next Tuesday night's all-colored card will present several familiar figures to Benning ring fans. First and foremost of course is George Turner, Pace, former "world" bantamweight champion, who has fought several times in local squared circles. He will battle Terry Livingston, a capable New Orleans Golden Glover, in a lightweight affair. The colorful and ever-popular mighty mite, Dynamite Daniels, will be in action in the same class when he takes on Bryant Bass, a "Reception" Center puncher, who was AAU Southeastern lightweight champion for two years. Daniels, on several occasions, has lost close decisions to Face in local rings. The colored heavyweight fustian looks as a corker, too, with Big promises plenty of action.

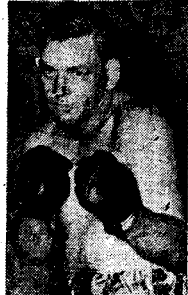
Tim Still, 3rd STR behemoth who goes better than 235 pounds, stepping in against Johnny Price, a newcomer from the 355th QM Truckers, who boasts a good record. Still was rated among the nation's top heavyweights by Ring Magazine before he entered the service.

**SMITH VS. STRONG**  
The middleweight semi-windup between Oris Smith of the 3rd STR Panther stable and Mark Strong, "Reception" Center headliner, will bring together two capable punchers. Smith has had plenty of experience both in and out of the Army, while Strong is a former Florida state champ in his weight.

Floyd Guidry (3rd STR) who meets Harry George of the same stable, in a novice welterweight go, is an impressive newcomer who gave a bangup performance at the sports arena on the Joe Louis card early in January. The other colored entries are relatively unknown here, but all are anxious for action, and that looks as a corker, too, with Big promises plenty of action.

### TONIGHT'S CARD

- Featherweight (Novice)**
1. Bill Shepard (434th F. A.) vs. Pete Rosenberg (3rd Infantry)
  2. Vic Thompson (176th Infantry) vs. Horace Hancock (434th F. A.)
- Welterweight (Novice)**
3. Jack Hutchinson (542nd Prcht.) vs. Gil Morales (4th Infantry)
  4. Walter Nielson (4th Infantry) vs. Rene Guilbault (542nd Prcht.)
- Middleweight (Novice)**
5. Johnny Russo (1st PTR) vs. Ipe Ispording (176th Infantry)
  6. Lou Belgio (469th Ord. Evac.) vs. Jim Smith (542nd Prcht.)
- Middleweight (Open)**
7. Hugh Miller (176th Infantry) vs. John Cornwell (48th Armd. Inf.)
  8. Mike Angieri (33rd Engineer's) vs. Frank Ogrentz (434th F. A.)
- Heavyweight (Novice)**
9. Steve Kopacki (176th Infantry) vs. Leo Thiel (7th Armd. MP)
- Heavyweight (Novice)**
10. Swede Vanette (176th Infantry) vs. Jerry Koberna (87th Recon.)



**SWEDE VANETTE**  
... 176th Heavyweight



**JERRY KOBERNA**  
... 87th Recon Sluggo



**LEO THIEL**  
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# Lawson Field Wins League Crown

## Plucky Flier Quintet Halts Parachute Five In Finale of Playoff

By SGT. BOB KRELL

Ned Irish missed a bet when he neglected to book The Parachute School and Lawson Field in Madison Square Garden for their play-off series which culminated Tuesday night at the Main Post Gym with the Fliers making off with the championship of the Fort Benning League, annexing the third and decisive game, 39-36.

These three games might not have been productive of the best basketball in the country but for sheer thrills and raw guts like will never again be witnessed here or anywhere.

### FLIER WON OPENER

In the opening game, the new champs staved off a last minute rally by the Troopers to win 37-26 and this was merely a tip-off of things to come. The determined Chutists came back the following Sunday and after another nip-and-tuck affair for three periods they waxed hot and literally blasted the Fliers off the floor winning in a walk, 47-40. But it remained for the third and final game of the series to show the heights a basketball team can rise to when the occasion demands it.

With so much depending on the outcome, both teams were cautious and played close-guarding ball at the start. They resembled a couple of boxers fighting for the title and feeling each other out in the early rounds, both with a healthy respect for the other.

At 9-o'clock the Troopers opened up, with Phil Nelson showing the way and ran up a halftime 19-11 margin which looked good at the time. But the Fliers had plenty of what it takes and doggedly they rallied to fight back after Nelson's two fouls made it 21-11 at the start of the second semester.

### HALL SPARKS DRIVE

"Ace" Hall, who sank the game winning basket, sparked a 12 point flurry with a trip of buckets. Redden also hit for a pair and Metcalfe and Moran clicked for a foul and field goal, while Rajokovic made one lone field goal to give the winners a 29-22 margin.

Van Neida and Sieradski went to work whittling into the Lawson lead which at one time soared to 9 points at 34-25. At 35-32, Kinard and Van Neida clicked to put the Chutists out in front 36-35 with less than two minutes remaining in the game but Hall rallied down court to plunk in the shot that gave the Fliers the coveted championship.

### REDDEN PILL

For the Troopers the defeat was a bitter pill to swallow but it must be said for the players themselves that they were no slugs. Van Neida who has established himself as one of Benning's all-time greats, took the rap for the loss himself. After the game he admitted, "Whitely" had nothing but praise for the winners and the rest of his teammates and spoke thusly: "I potted the damn game away."

## Former Indiana Grid Star Sets Obstacle Record

The 21st Company did it again! Officer Candidate Charles P. Jacoby of the 21st Company, Third Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, hung another record in his sports scrapbook last week when he set a new official record of 51 seconds on the Fourth Battalion obstacle course, breaking the old record of 53 seconds recently set by Candidate Charles P. Lebow of the 20th Company.

A student at Indiana University prior to entering the Army, Candidate Jacoby majored in Physical Education and served as an Assistant Physical Training Director at Indiana University for two years. Candidate Jacoby, born on the South Side of Chicago, attended St. Ignace High School where he took a classical, academic course, majoring in languages. Among extra-curricular activities in high school, Jacoby, assisted by his natural abilities, won a total of eight letters in varsity sports. Included were three letters in football, three in track, and two in basketball. Jacoby was co-captain of his football team in his junior year and captain of his football and track team in his senior year. Jacoby was also president of his senior class.

At Indiana University, Jacoby won three varsity letters, two in football and one in track. At Indiana, he was one of the most popular men on the campus. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta, Sphinx Club, Blue Key, Scabbard and Blade and Intra-Fraternity Council of Presidents.

Jacoby states that his chief interest now is in securing a commission and getting out to enter the fight. He hopes to make a career of teaching and coaching after the war.

Myself. All year long I'd been making shots under the bucket but tonight I muffed a couple that I should have made and that was the ball game."

## Eagles, Spirits Capture All Slots on Dream Five Of Infantry School Loop

During most of The Infantry School basketball season, which was concluded last week, there was considerable speculation as to just what sort of a team the school could put into action if all the material was assembled on one squad instead of divided among the seven or eight teams which competed in the league.

To satisfy the curiosity on this point, a poll of team managers or coaches along with Columbus sports writers who witnessed most of the games, was taken. They were asked to select a first, second and third team and also make up a list of players deserving honorable mention. On the basis of five points for selection on the first team, three for the second, and one for honorable mention, the following were selected:

Name	Team	School	Vote	Pct
Milt Tico	Eagles	U. of Kentucky	41	
Rudy Barie	Eagles	U. of West Virginia	33	
Leo Mogus	Spirits	Youngstown Univ.	50	
Dan Gabbianelli	Eagles	Georgetown Univ.	50	
Kirk Gebert	Spirits	Washington State	35	
Jim Weir	Spirits	U. of Wyoming	28	
Bernie Mehen	Eagles	U. of Tennessee	28	
Ewell Rickwell	Rifles	LaVern College	28	
Troy Ricks	Prof's	Delata State Tchrs.	29	
Herman Millikan	Rifles	Oklahoma A. & M.	24	

Name	Team	School	Vote	Pct
Leslie Peden	Raiders	Texas A. & M.	8	
Frank Shannon	Eagles	Wittenberg	15	
Ray Sundquist	Rifles	Washington State	15	
Carl Ott	Rifles	U. of Ohio	15	
Erwin Frasse	Prof's	Iowa University	10	

HONORABLE MENTION: Lee, Jarrett, Moeller, Maddox, Poland, Mont, Stout, Zientars, Hamberger, Johnston, and Hicks. Continued on Page 7

## FLIERS WIN COURT TITLE



**AFTER THE BATTLE**—The two scenes shown above were snapped immediately after Tuesday night's thrilling court battle at the post gym when Lawson Field won the Fort Benning League title. At the top is the trophy presentation. Left to right are: Lt. Col. Charles C. Finnegan, post athletic officer; Bill Metcalfe, captain of the new champs who received the trophy; Brig. General William H. Hobson, post commander who presented the trophy; and Lt. Col. John E. Albert, base commander at Lawson Field. Below are the tired but happy champs: Front row, left to right, are Moran, Metcalfe, and Redden. Back row you'll see Hall, Schnebley, Rajokovic, and Bill Bianchetto, team manager. (Signal Lab Photos by Sgt. Harley Ferguson.)

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# Bonesteel Commends 176th Five

An anti-climax to the victory of the 176th Infantry Spirits in the play-off for The Infantry School Basketball League championship was provided by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, Commandant, who forwarded to Col. Edwin Cox, commander of the regiment, the following commendation:

"I wish to extend my congratulations to the individual members of the basketball team of the 176th Infantry Regiment having just completed a successful basketball season with the defeat of the Sixth Training Regiment's team, thereby winning the Infantry School Basketball Championship. Throughout the entire season, all members of the team have exhibited a commendable high standard of teamwork, enthusiasm, training, physical stamina, and good sportsmanship, the more essential qualities for the fighting soldier."

"The continued support and enthusiasm of the rest of the men in the regiment is further indication of the commendable spirit and loyalty of the organization, and contributes much to the success and inspiration of the players. The coaching staff is also highly deserving of credit for their part in the development of a well-playing team."

"Please give my congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of your regiment to all of your officers and men."

The Spirits played high grade ball in meeting the Eagles. They trailed by nine points at the half and then came surging back in brilliant fashion to catch and pass their rivals. And when the Eagles started to regain the lead in the fourth period, the Spirits still had enough left to repeat their catch-and-passing performance, and establish a lead which they held through the finish.

Jim Weir played one of his finest games of the season. He pegged in five field goals and repeatedly set up plays for his teammates. He did a corking job defensively under the basket. Roy Stout and Walt Poland, the tiny guards, were particularly aggressive. Stout's defensive work was one of the highlights of the game. Bernie Mehen, Dan Gabbianelli and Milt Ticco stood out for the Eagles. The first sparked the opening period attack when the Eagles began to pile up a lead and then came four pretty side court shots in the second period to boost the lead at half time to 24-11. Baric played steadily throughout and was impressive under the basket.

At the conclusion of the game, General Bonesteel presented team trophies to Capt. Frank Shannon, coach of the Eagles and to Lt. Kirk Gebert, Spirit coach. He also presented 450 War Bonds to the player selected as the most valuable member of his team. Most of the Spirits: Cpl. Charles Hamberger of the Eagles; S. Sgt. Thomas Klein of the 4th Infantry Raiders; Cpl. Fred Barrett of the Academic Profs; Cpl. Ewell Backwell of the 3rd STR Rifles; Pfc. Harvey Johnson of the 7th Armored Luckies and Cpl. Bob Cox of the 4th Training Regiment Spartans.

It is believed that malaria infection may cause from two to fifteen relapses of the disease.

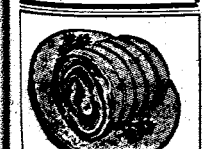
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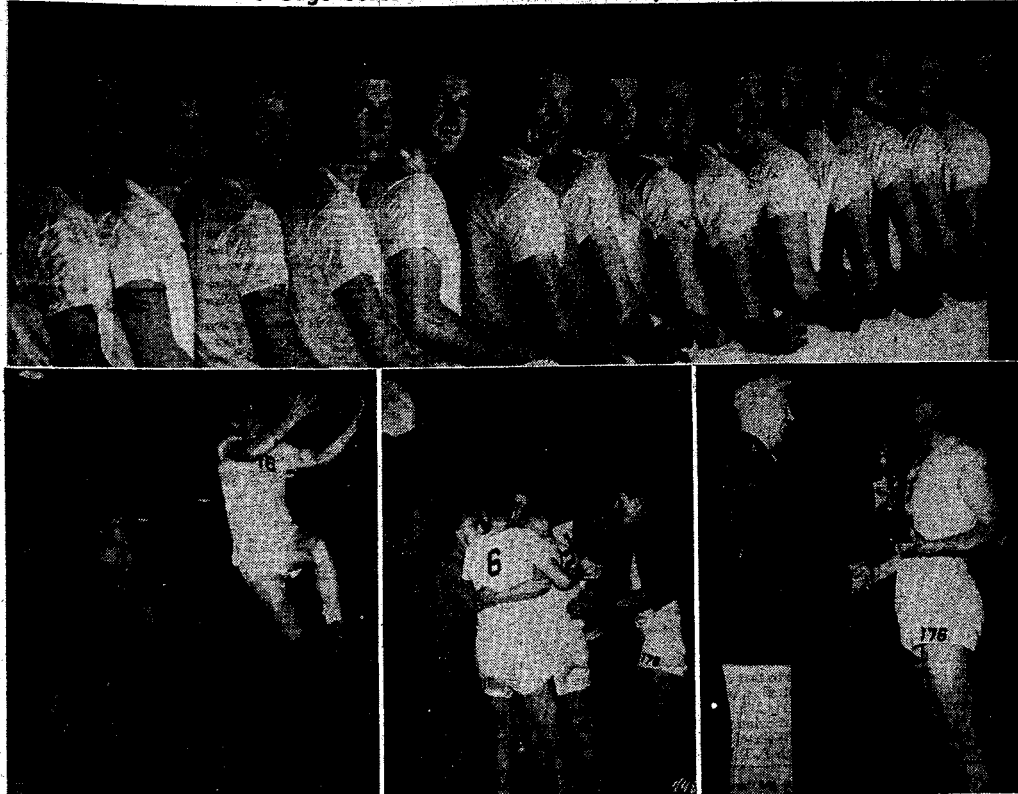
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## TIS Cage Season Ends in Blaze of Glory For Spirits



**CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN**—Shown across the top are the 176th Spirits who won the Infantry School court title last week in an exciting playoff series. Left to right, the victorious hoopers are: Joe Thomas, Roy Stout, Walt Poland, Buck Konopsek, Bob Duffy, Sparky Sahara, Kirk Gebert, George Petruska, Bob Waterfield, Harry Hales, Leo Phillips, Lonnie Lee, Leo Mogus, and Jim Weir. The three pictures below show the road to glory. At left, Walt Poland leaps in for a crucial field goal with Danny Gabbianelli of the Eagles trailing him. In the middle, delicious Spirit fans and subs have mobbed little Roy Stout (number 12) who sank the winning field goal. At the right, Major General Charles H. Bonesteel, Infantry School commandant, is shown awarding the title trophy to Lieut. Kirk Gebert, coach of the new champs.

### SPIRIT, THE CHOWHOUND: "Bring On The Next Dish"



Sgt. Ken Jackson



**YOU FOULED HIM!**—Pat Kelly, the referee who screams in anguish when a foul is committed, is shown pouncing on a play in the Eagles-Spirits play-off for The Infantry School Basketball League championship. Leo Mogus (light jersey), of the Spirits, and Dan Gabbianelli (dark jersey), of the Eagles, are on the floor after the ball (left) for which they were tussling squirted out of their hands. Looking on in surprise is Bernie Mehen (No. 5) and Milt Ticco (No. 7), both of the Eagles. Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School.

### Ex-Two-Niner Awarded DSC

Pfc. Theodore "Ted" Yuhus, a member of the 29th Infantry at the time it was stationed at Fort Benning, is a well-known master of Latin dances and as second baseman for the 29th's ball nine, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism" in action somewhere in Italy, according to word reaching Fort Benning.

Pfc. Yuhus transferred from the 29th Infantry just before it left Fort Benning for another Southern station. During his stay here he taught rumbas, congas, and other Latin American dances and appeared in numerous exhibitions at theatricals and service clubs. Professionally he and his partner were known as Rinaldo and Renee in the East.

The order issued by Lt. Gen. Mark Clark commanding general of the 5th U. S. Army, citing Pfc. Yuhus, reads in part as follows: "While Pfc. Yuhus was advancing with his platoon, a strong German counterattack, led by tanks, was launched. Private First Class Yuhus and a fellow soldier took their rocket launcher to the top of an advance ridge which was swept by intense machine gun fire from approaching tanks. The two men fired at one tank from a distance of 20 yards and disabled it."

"The shot split the launcher tube, rendering it useless. While his companion returned to the rear on search of another launcher, Pfc. Yuhus remained on the ridge, exposed to constant enemy shelling. Realizing that his comrade would be unable to return in time, he pulled the pins from the remaining rockets and hurled them at the enemy tanks. Several of the rockets, some of which failed to explode, landed in the path of the approaching armor, causing three enemy vehicles to halt from fear of the expected explosion. The delay permitted friendly troops to reorganize and repulse the enemy counterattack. "The exemplary courage, quick thinking, and aggressive action of Pfc. Yuhus served as an inspiring example for the officers and men of his company and reflect the highest traditions of the armed forces."

### EAGLES—

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The first team packs a wicked scoring punch. It scored 1,587 points collectively for 25.1 games which amounts to better than 60 points a game. The smallest man on the squad, Gebert, is five feet eleven inches tall. The tallest, Mogus, is six foot four. Gebert and Gabbianelli are good defensive players in the guard

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### Mgr. Bob Melzer Of 'Chute Five Rates Orchids

Perhaps you've often wondered who kept the score? Who looked after the equipment? Who made sure all the boys found out about the game? Who did a cullen and one other job that had to be done in order to make things click? We've got the answer in Sergeant Bob Melzer, who mothered The Parachute School quintet for the past year no matter where it went. Bob is a mean man on the court himself and could have made the squad easily but he figured it'd do something more important, so he took over the thankless job of managing the quintet, and "Shankles" is a masterpiece of understatement.

From Mason to Augusta, from Augusta back to Fort Benning, wherever the team traveled, Bob was the scorer, the equipment man, the assayer, Bob was the guy who called up the girl friend, mailed the letters, took care of the reservations, and made it that things went off smoothly.

In civilian life they call a fellow like this a Traveling Secretary. Here in the Army he gets no title, he thanks, and does all the work. On one occasion he doubled as a trainer. When Phil Nelson, one of the team's stars, injured a shoulder, Bob took over and with a little liniment and elbow grease, Phil's shoulder was in tip-top shape in no time at all.

are fast, aggressive and good shot.

Add to these teams, the third team for a squad of 15 players, and a basketball coach wouldn't have to worry much about losing many games to any outfit in the business.

### Profs Schedule Practice Tilts

The Prof nine will open their 1944 baseball season Tuesday at 4 p. m. at Gowdy Field in a seven-inning exhibition game with The Parachute School club. A cullen with the 3rd STR is also tentatively booked, according to Prof. player-coach, Prasse, for Thursday, March 30, 3 p. m. at Gowdy Field.

The Academics, thus far, have been going through daily workouts, including Saturday, and are slowly getting into shape. "The team is looking fairly well," reports Coach Erwin Prasse, "and Pitchers Dickinson, Roudus, Wismann and Branch will have an opportunity to show their wares for an inning or so against the 'Chutists'."

Pete Bardin, ex-TPS star of last year, would like best of all to "go to town" against his former teammates, but a hard-hitting versatile utility man and manager, Fred Hatfield, shortstop, and Ed Haller, heavy-hitting outfielder, will be doing their best to upset Pete's debut as a Prof hurler.

**TPS CHIEF BLUES**  
But Sgt. Bob Krell, TPS publicist, is "crying the blues" in regards to this year's TPS nine. "We only have Hogan, Haller and Hittler from last year's team and we haven't had too much practice."

However, the paratroopers have a way of their own in Abner Doubleday's game—they played the Profs for the first half title last year and the Spirits for the second half post crown—and are tough, tough competition for anyone.

As to the tentatively scheduled game with the 3rd STR, the Rifles are conceded to be one of the better clubs in TIS League competition, and a basketball coach wouldn't have to worry much about losing many games to any outfit in the business.

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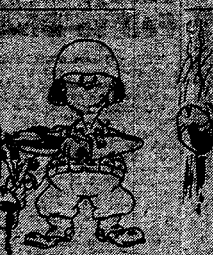
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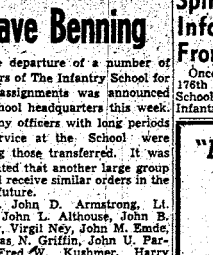
## TIS Officers Leave Benning



## Major Sparks New Boys' Activities Head



## Spirits Grace Infantry Journal's Front Cover

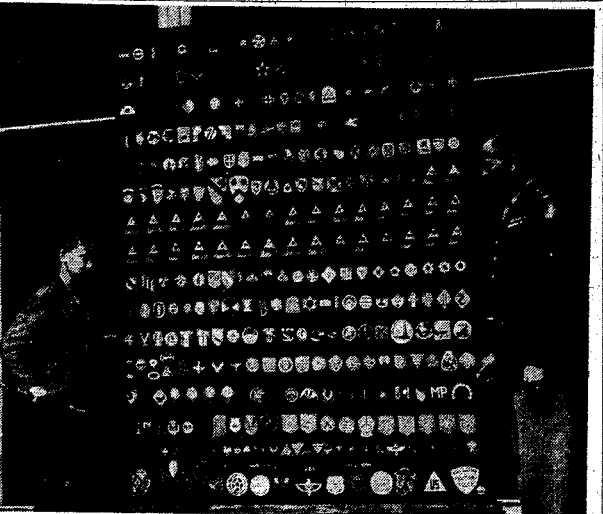


## "For Mother's Day Send Your Portrait"



The April issue of the only magazine of its kind.  
S-Sgt. Hubert H. George of Company H is shown manning the light machine gun with Pfc. Wilson A. Swartz of Company G as assistant gunner. Sgt. George comes from Richmond, Va., while Swartz hails from Mercer, Pa. This time it is Pa.

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THIS COLLECTION OF SHOULDER PATCHES belong to Dale Hilton, 11-year-old son of Lt. Col. James W. Hilton, (right) Commander of the Third Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School. The youngster is shown pointing to the 33rd Division patch worn by his daddy in World War I. There are 350 patches on this blanket and, since this photo was taken, young Dale has collected 12 more, two of them from England. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

behind to comfort Mrs. Clark while he's away. The dog is a reddish color, with long, silk-like

ears and a white mark on his breast for all the world like a man dressed in a slightly off-color tuxedo. His feet are white and if you've seen him, please call Capt. Clark at Fort Benning FB 8172 or Columbus 7560.

## Income Tax Man Too Busy To Make Out Own Return

Capt. John Inzer, designated as post income tax officer to help officers and GI's at Fort Benning with their income tax problems, worked until 12:30 a. m. on March 15, jacking on long lines of soldiers who had delayed with their income tax forms until the last day.

Then he came to work at 8:30 a. m. on the fifteenth, and worked through until late in the day helping more long lines of soldiers who had waited until the very last day. In fact, he had been doing that same thing for nearly two weeks—and when the last soldier had been helped out on the last day for filing tax returns—Captain Inzer sank back with a sigh of satisfaction over a job well done.

That came the rude awakening. You guessed it—he had been so busy with other people's tax returns that he had forgotten his own!

## Girl Scout Council Announces Course In GS Leadership

The Girl Scout Council of Fort Benning announces a course of instruction for Girl Scout leaders which will be given by Miss Lottie C. Reed at the Girl Scout cabin April 10-24.

Miss Reed is a short term director with headquarters in Atlanta, and her services are available free of charge to all women who are interested in Girl Scout activities.

Anyone wanting more details may phone Mrs. F. J. Heraty, FB 2719, or Mrs. Edwin Cox, FB 2608.

## TIS Wacs Stage Army Hour Show

Twenty members of The Infantry School WAC Detachment, Sec. I, appeared Sunday on the Army Hour Program at the Army-Navy YMCA USO, 14 West 11th Street, in Columbus.

Because of line trouble due to the bad weather, the program could not be broadcast, but it was staged for the enjoyment of the audience at the club.

The show featured music, singing and a series of interviews with WACs whose parents were born in Europe or Asia.

The entire show was directed by Cpl. Ann Carbridge. The announcer was Cpl. Helen Hopp.

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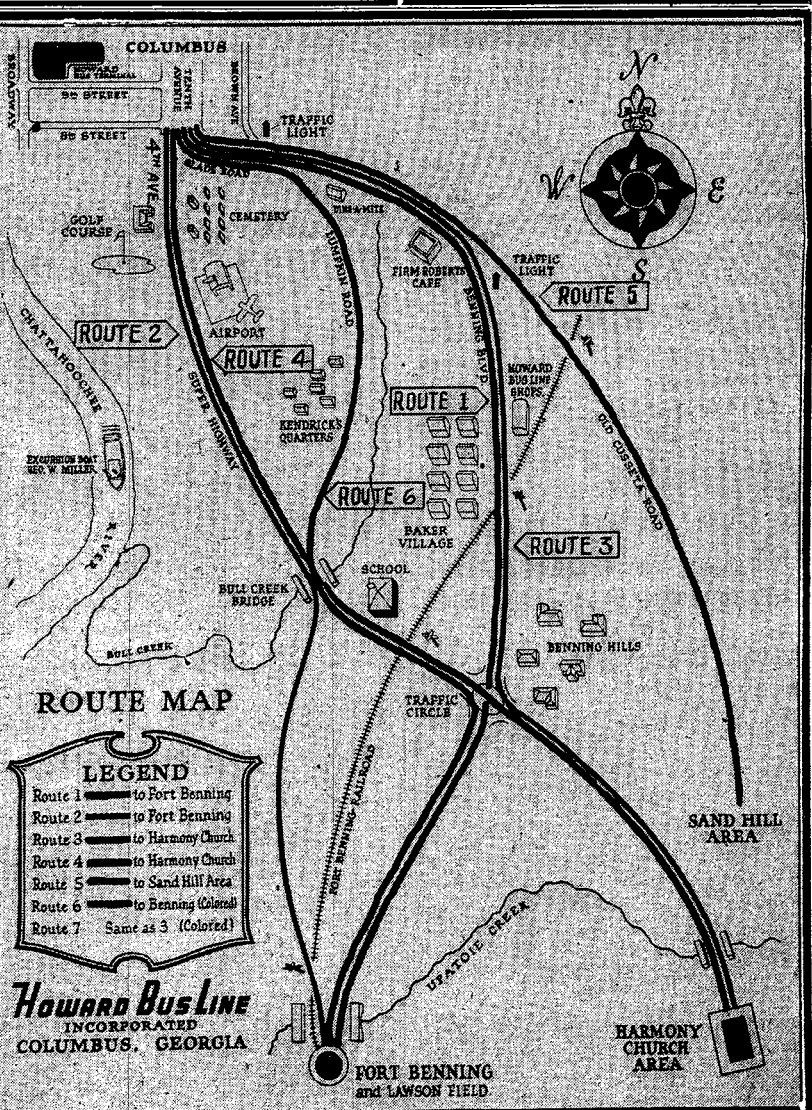
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# Hockey Playoffs Underway; Bayonet Gives Lowdown On Forgotten Northern Sport

By SGT. BOB KRELL

That ancient and oft-maligned institution, the hockey play-offs, came out of hiding Tuesday night for its annual airing, with the Montreal Canadiens, Detroit Red Wings, Toronto Maple Leafs and Chicago Blackhawks kicking the rubber around to the jingle, jangle jingle of the customers' coins.

In recent years the play-offs have absorbed more than their share of abuse thanks to the silly, albeit, lucrative system of going through five months of regular season play merely to eliminate one team. Comes the end of the season and the six top teams knock one another's brains out in an elimination affair, the winner receiving the coveted Stanley Cup, emblematic of the World's Hockey Championship, not to mention a few extra dollars.

With the day's ending threads on its talent the league was forced to cut down to six teams this season with the New York Rangers, personal step-child of the hockey fathers, forced to withdraw. This made the league officials cut the play-offs eligible to the top ten, thus lending a semblance of realism to the heretofore meaningless regular season clashes.

**BRUINS OUT**

The two teams that are on the outside looking in this year are the Boston Bruins and the New York Rangers, two old stand-bys. For the Bruins it was their first crack at playing wallflower in 14 years. This will be the Rangers' second straight year of sitting one out and if anything is indicative of the topsy-turvy situation in the sporting world, the absence of these two sextets from the play-offs is it.

There have been memorable play-off games in ice annals and the Rangers and Bruins have provided their share of brass knuckles. When Eddie Shore was playing out his string with the Bruins a few years back they tangled with the Broadway Blues in the Garden. Shore had been doing a grand job of muzzling some of the Lester Patrick's youthful charges and just about the only member of the Rangers, who could handle Eddie was Lester's youngest son, Muzzey, who besides being a tough nut to crack on the defense was also the amateur heavyweight champion of Canada. Shore was handling out sixteen different varieties of blows, stick butts and what have you when he crossed sticks with young Patrick at the 8th Avenue and 48th Street end of the Garden ice.

Before long a jolly donnybrook was in progress and out of the melee two figures could be distinguished in a private bout. They were, as you might have

guessed, Patrick and Shore. The gloves were off and there were a few wild swings which hit nothing but the ozone, and then from nowhere came a wicked right cross and Shore found himself swallowing a mouthful of nose—his own. Eddie fell to the ice and Muzzey went sailing into Flash Hollett, who had a strange hold on Lester's other son, Lynn. Leaving a trail of his own blood behind him, Shore was helped off the ice, apparently through for the evening. Ten minutes later, to the amazement of the crowd, despite his broken nose, he was back on the ice with nothing save a small piece of tape across the bridge of his battered proboscis.

These same two clubs put on a series of sudden death overtime affairs in 1940 that were strictly for those who strong-tice. The first of this 4-out-of-7 series emerged a hero, in the person of a scrawny blonde forward, who won for himself the nickname of "Sudden Death" Hill. The Bruins won three of their four games in overtime and on each occasion it was Hill who clicked the winning goal. However, this wasn't the first time the Rangers had succumbed to the overtime jinx.

In 1938 they tangled with the lowly Amers and the third and final game was the longest ever to be played in the Garden. One overtime period came and went without a score. During the intermission the ice was resurfaced and out skated the weary players for a second overtime session, which proved as fruitless as the first.

The third "sudden death" stanza was an exact replica of the first two and again the cowering ice underwent a springing. By this time it was well past one o'clock the next day and the hoarse-voiced customers were about as fed-up as the fatigued skaters on the ice. A little over a minute of play had elapsed when Joe Jerva, Amers' defense man and one of the clumsiest men on the ice, emerged from a scramble around mid-ice and flipped the puck to Art Chapman, who found the energy to send it flying into the nets. Subway officials are still trying to figure out wherein the 1:30 a. m. rush came from that cold morning in March, 1938.

**MONTREAL HOT**

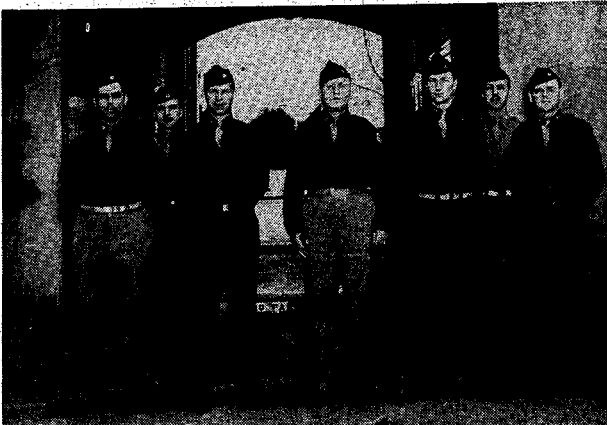
This past Tuesday the high flying Canadians of Montreal made a face-out of the regular race, amassing 38 victories and 7 ties, with only 5 losses for the record total of 83 points. On the records, Les Habitants looks like the class of the league and should not encounter too much trouble in polishing off their third-place opponents, the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The other play-off brackets, the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Black Hawks, who finished in second and fourth slots, respectively. The Wings, who have the advantage in playing the final game on their home ice, for should the four out of seven series go the limit, the deciding game would be played on the home ice of the team finishing highest in the standings.

The Hawks just did manage to get under the wire and beat out the Bruins for the last play-off spot. The Chicago teams in the past have formed a habit of winning when the chips were down. In the middle thirties a Black Hawk team battled its way up from the lowest play-off



WILLIAM CHAPMAN POINTS TO HONORABLE DISCHARGES



THIS IS THE STAFF OF Col. Paul N. Starlings, commander of the 3rd Regiment, oldest in the U. S. Army and which is now on duty as a demonstration unit for The Infantry School. Pictured in front of their headquarters in the curiel formerly occupied by the 176th Infantry, they are: (first row, left to right) Maj. Carl W. Horrocks, Supply Officer; Lt. Col. Marshall O. Potter, Executive Officer; Colonel Starlings, Capt. H. Ross Bryan, Regimental Adjutant, and Maj. Jack McAllister, Plans and Training Officer. Back row: Capt. Stephen L. Skardon, Personnel Officer and CWO Jack E. Triden, Assistant Adjutant. (Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School.)



ONE OF THE FIRST of The Infantry School's new broadcasts on the War Department's 'Army Hour' broadcast is shown above at Hook Range with Cpl. Mel Allen (left), former network announcer and S-Sgt. John Harvey, of the Academic Regiment, an overseas veteran, broadcasting an introduction to the M-1 rifle. The Army Hour is heard on the coast to coast NBC network and broadcast by shortwave overseas. It is heard locally over WSB, Atlanta, at 3:30, P.M.T., Sundays. (Official U. S. Army Photo — The Infantry School.)

spot to the finals to whip the regular season champs, Toronto, Mike Karakas, veteran goal tender, was in the nets at the start of that series but was injured and was replaced by Paul Goodman. This year Karakas after a four-year absence came back to the Windy City in mid-season and proceeded to spark the Hawks to a play-off berth that seemed a bit remote at the time.

It's our hunch that Paul Thompson's charges with Karakas in the nets, the veteran Earl Siebert on defense and the high-scoring trio of Mosienko, Bentley and Smith, up front, will upset the Wings and go on to knock off the Canucks. Recalling our prediction that Dumpy Davis would easily beat Beau Jack and similar wrong guesses, this might easily be tabbed the "Kiss of Death" for the Blackhawks. Any way, Henry Ford said something about the war being over in 60 days, so you can look for the Phillies, Blue Jays, Cynoscitta Cristata, Quakers, or call 'em what you will, to win the National League pennant this year.

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## Army, Navy Discharges Fail to Discourage GI

William Chapman has honorable discharges from both the Army and Navy—but that olive drab suit he wears these days is strictly GI. Chapman's tale of woe began back in November of 1941 when his outfit was sent to Indianola, Miss., to get ready for overseas. He had enlisted in the Army in 1937 and was a corporal and a company clerk in his second enlistment at that time.

All went well with Chapman until a medical officer, took a closer look at his eyes—something wrong. Whereupon the medical officer said, "No overseas for you."

"My company commander went to bat for me," Chapman said. "He pointed out that I'd qualified with every weapon in the infantry, including the rifle, machine gun, mortar, revolver, automatic and that I could see as well with out glasses as I could with them."

It wasn't any use, though. His company was sent overseas and the officer was a lieutenant colonel. So back to Camp Shelby, Miss., went Cpl. Chapman. Three weeks before Pearl Harbor was giving a discharge, and told the Army wouldn't take him again because of that eye.

The medical officers reckoned without the Selective Service, however, for a few months later they began making sounds as if

## Mothers Given Sons' Medals

Presentation of the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Silver Star was made to the mothers of two members of the Army Air Forces by Lt. Colonel William A. Capers, executive officer of Lawson Field at a formal review held in their honor, last Friday.

Mrs. Jona Y. W. Haynes, 912-1-2 23rd street, Columbus, was presented the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster in the absence of her son, Staff Sergeant Benjamin L. Haynes, who is reported missing in action.

The award was for exceptionally meritorious achievement, while Sgt. Haynes participated in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe.

In the other award presentation, Mrs. Stella E. Cohan, of Hogenessville, Ga., was presented the Silver Star in absence of her son, Staff Sergeant Joseph M. Cohan, who also is reported missing in action.

The award went to the Sergeant for gallantry in action over Babo, New Guinea, on July 10, 1943.

The presentation took place while the military complement of the base stood at attention. Later, they passed in review before the recipients of the awards and Colonel Capers.

## Prof Wac Is Army Old Head

The Army is nothing new to Pvt. Alice Winifred Dwyer, of Stoughton, Mass., who has been drawing an Army pay check for almost ten years. At the time of her discharge, she was secretary to the Assistant Chief of Staff Supply Officer of the First Service Command, in Boston.

During the early days of the war her office worked night and day to supply the newly mobilized Army.

"We had to check on the status of the troops' supply before sending them to the port of embarkation," she recalls. "It was exciting work."

Most of the Army officers under whom she worked in Boston now hold responsible positions. One is General MacArthur's staff in Australia, while another is with the Fifth Army in Italy. Gen. Bronson Somervell was one of the many high officials she met before she went "officially" into the "Army" as a WAC last November.

After taking her basics at Des Moines she wound up at Fort Benning in January, and has been at work in regimental headquarters in the sergeant major's office ever since. She takes down stenographic notes on all special court-martials.

**FIFTH MOVE**

Its fifth move in three years of existence has carried the 1918 Company, 1st Student Training Regiment, across Dilboy Street on the Main Post to shiny new quarters in a brick building just vacated by Cannon Company of the 176th Infantry. Since it was activated in 1941 the company has been housed in nearly every part of the Main Post, although recent moves have been confined to the curiel area. The 1918, which accommodates students taking The Infantry School's Enlisted Motor Course, is now commanded by Captain Eugene C. Warden.

## Lawson Messmen Take Meat Course

A series of lecture-demonstrations, covering various phases of the subject of meat, and designed for presentation at selected Army Air Bases throughout the country, was conducted at Lawson Field last week. This program was arranged by the Air Quartermaster, Headquarters Army Air Forces and the Food Service Section of the Officer of the Quartermaster General.

These demonstrations were presented by Mr. A. R. Ring, meat specialist of the National Live Stock and Meat Board, an organization which represents all branches of the live stock-growers and feeders, live stock marketing agencies, meat packers and retail meat dealers.

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## An Army Wife Shops in Columbus

By Phyllis

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Prof. Lend Lease Battle Veteran For Lucky Lecture

The Academic Regiment's system of including talks by enlisted combat veterans in its orientation program was on its way to adoption by the Seventh Armored Division this week when Lt. Harold E. Swan, the division's orientation officer, asked Lt. John Mayer, Academic orientation officer, to "lend-lease" 1st Sgt. Francis J. Noonan to a conference of unit orientation officers.

Sgt. Noonan, veteran of Guadalcanal, has spoken on his battle experiences and his impressions of the enemy during the weekly company meetings in the Academic Regiment devoted to discussions of the war.

"Lend-lease" has worked both ways with the Seventh Armored, according to Lt. Mayer, who has used much of Lt. Swan's material and ideas in formulating his own orientation policies.

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## Every Officer A Unit Censor Is Army's Aim

"The necessity of censorship of mail from overseas as a means of preventing military information from falling into the hands of enemy agents was stressed this week by Major H. C. Chapman, chief of intelligence officer, in announcing a forthcoming new course on censorship of mail for Fort Benning officers."

Time and place of the new course, part of the Army's program to make every officer an efficient unit censor of mail, will be announced later. Major Chapman has been designated as lecturer for the course.

"Mail is not censored just to allow someone to snoop into the private affairs of members of our armed forces," Major Chapman declared. "On the contrary, it is strictly a security measure and is intended not only to protect the lives of members of our armed forces but also to keep vital military secrets from falling into the enemy's hands."

**LETTER HANDS ASSTRAY**  
As an example of what can happen, the major cited the case of a letter mailed in Ottawa, Canada, and addressed to someone in Panama. When the letter was opened for personal use, the international censor in New Orleans weeks later, he was amazed to discover the official German censorship stamp on it.

"Through some accident, the letter had traveled all the way to Germany and back. Fortunately, it contained no military information."

"This is an exceptional case," the major added, "but it certainly shows that we must be careful in the way we handle mail. It is an excellent illustration of why we shouldn't put military information into personal letters."

From American soldiers overseas passes through a number of different hands before it reaches the soldier. In the case of a company, battery, or squadron unit censor reads it. Then it goes to the base censor (camp or division). In the way we handle mail, it is an excellent illustration of why we shouldn't put military information into personal letters.

**BLUE ENVELOPES**  
All blue envelopes and officer mail are censored by the base censor only. Frequently enlisted men write about personal or private matters which they do not want anyone in their unit to read. Consequently, the blue envelope unit censor merely sends the blue envelopes, uncensored, to the base censor.

When being approved by the base censor, the mail then goes to the regulating station where it is put in the proper mail bag for delivery to the soldier. Mail from other countries. Upon arrival in this country, it is sent to the regulating station where it is put in the proper mail bag for delivery to the soldier.

**PROHIBITED SUBJECTS**  
Here are ten prohibited subjects soldiers can't write about when they are overseas:  
1. Don't write military information of Army units—their location, strength, material, or equipment.  
2. Don't write of military installations.

3. Don't write of transportation facilities.  
4. Don't write of convoys, their routes, hours of travel, or other matters (including plans of embarkation and disembarkation), time en route, naval protection, or war incidents occurring en route.

5. Don't write of movements of ships, mail or merchant, troops, or aircraft.  
6. Don't mention plans and forecasts, whether known or just your guesses.

7. Don't write about the effects of enemy operations.  
8. Don't tell of any casualty until released by proper authority. (The Adjutant General) and then only by using the full name of the casualty.

9. Don't attempt to formulate a theory as to a system, cipher, or shorthand, or any other means to conceal the true meaning of your letter. Violations of this regulation will result in severe punishment.

10. Don't give your location in any way except as authorized by proper authority. Be sure you write about location in a more specific location than the one authorized.

**ENCLOSURES IN LETTERS**  
Do not inclose anything in a letter that would violate any of the foregoing rules.

**PHOTOGRAPHS, FILMS**  
Special rules apply to the transmission of photographs and films. Do not send them until you have ascertained what regulations are in effect in your area.

**POST CARDS**—The use of post cards may or may not be authorized. If authorized, be sure that the picture or printed part of the card does not violate censorship regulations.

**BIRD LIVES OFF CACTUS**  
The southwest desert country's Gila woodpecker gets both its room and board from the giant Saguaro cactus. It digs its nesting holes in the cactus walls, lives on cactus fruit, and the insect which infest the plant.



**THE ACADEMIC PROFS**, with designs on The Infantry School Baseball League title, are setting their plans for the coming season. Participating in the first pow-wow (left to right) Lt. Davis L. Shirk, athletic and recreation officer; Lt. Erwin T. Praske, who will coach the team, and Assistant Coaches S. Sgt. Benny Zientara and Pvt. Herb Bremer. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

## Sgt. Scipio Is Rounding Out 30 Years in Army

When the 24th Infantry left Ft. Benning, Ga., for overseas theater two years ago, one of its veteran members, Master Sergeant Louis A. Scipio, was left behind. This was a day for Sergeant Scipio because he had hoped to round out his Army career with the famed 24th in this new adventure on a fighting front.

Sgt. Scipio is nearing his thirtieth year in the army and asserts that he has never had a single occasion to regret his enlistment. Presently he serves as first sergeant of Headquarters Company, the Reception Center.

Like other members of the 24th Infantry, Sgt. Scipio loved his outfit, and took pride in the many heroic exploits of the old 24th, extending back to the Spanish-American War in 1898. He was with this Infantry during the punitive expedition that laid low the Mexican army across the Rio Grande River.

Native of Washington, D. C., Sgt. Scipio gave up medical studies at Howard University to join the Army. He had expected to return to college after expiration of his first enlistment term, but the three years that followed made him decide upon a military career instead.

Asked what he considered to be his greatest thrill as an Army man

## WAC Officers Inspect Units

Officers at Fort Benning are extremely pleased with the efficient work of WAC's assigned to their respective sections, and expressed the wish that they could have more.

This is the reaction to the advent of women in Army uniforms at Fort Benning. It was discovered by the WACs in arranging and conducting the inspection of the 24th Infantry, Atlanta. The two WAC officers have just completed a training inspection of WAC Detachments at Fort Benning.

The visiting officers were high in their praise of the work of the WACs here and of their smart military appearance. They also expressed themselves as impressed by the ingenuity shown by the WACs in arranging and decorating their mess halls and with the excellence of the mess served.

The veteran soldier brought his family to Fort Benning in 1922 when the 24th Infantry was transferred to this reservation. He has been stationed here ever since. He still hopes to be with his beloved 24th Infantry when retirement day comes.

Making his round of calls after he reached home last week, Sergeant Holloway dropped in on his aunt, Pauline, and his nephew, Matthew, who had succeeded him as guardian of Walter Hill mails. The little postoffice, in a corner of his aunt's general store, was most buried under stacks of mail that had just come in.

"Hang up your hat," his aunt invited, "and get to work." Holloway spent the rest of that furlough, morning sorting a case that bulged with wartime letters and packages.

At present, however, there are no vacancies for warrant officers, and interested WACs should not apply at this time, according to Chief Warrant Officer J. D. Beck, assistant adjutant at Fort Benning. When vacancies do occur information will be published regarding methods of filing applications, tests and place of qualifying examinations, etc., Mr. Beck said.

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Sgt. Sutton, who was a pipe-fitter by trade, before he enlisted over two years ago, is an assistant instructor in Weapons Section, where Col. J. M. S. is Chief of Section. His wife and family reside at 8 Murray street, Newark, N. J.

**Courtesy Lives On In Chaos' Midst**  
It could only happen south of Mason-Dixon line. And it proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the finer interpretations of Military Courtesy still flourish like the Green Bay tree.

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## OC Saw Jap Fleet Defeat In Solomons

On the nights of November 13-14, 1942, Frederic Stanton Wicks, a former Boston newspaperman, stood on the shores of Guadalcanal and, through a 30-power telescope, saw history made in the Solomons. The battle which resulted in the destruction of the backbone of the Japanese Solomons fleet.

Wicks, who was then a 2nd lieutenant, officer candidate in the 28th Company, Third Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, Wicks declared:

"Some idea of what further was to take place was also witnessed by Wicks on his way to the country when, as he recalls: 'I was lucky enough to get a ride on a B-24 and we passed over the Marshalls convoy. It did our hearts good to see, for the first time, an American force going to battle completely equipped with everything they needed. We knew when we saw it that nothing the Japs had in the Marshalls could stop that combination.'"

**RUSTON SCRIBE**  
Wicks, who used to work as a reporter for Boston newspapers and as a copywriter for advertising agencies, entered the Army almost three years ago, on April 23, 1941. The following February he arrived in Australia and in March his outfit was among the first troops to land on New Caledonia which vital link in the life line to Australia was rapidly

realizing this, used to infiltrate American lines, not to kill American soldiers, but to get American grenades.

"Their artillery is very inaccurate," he said, "and they planes drop bombs everywhere but on the desired place. It often was said that Henderson Field was the safest place on Guadalcanal even though the field was the No. 1 target of Jap bombers. 'As jungle fighters, the Japs are no better than the average Yankee. In fact, I once read a paper found on a dead Jap officer which stated the best jungle fighters his outfit had ever been up against was a certain Yankee regiment. This regiment, from my division, was unknown to the Japs, composed of boys from the heart of Chicago. The only trees most of these fellows ever had seen were in Chicago parks!'"

**'Yank' To Give 1st Hand Account Of Eniwetok Fight**  
When YANK correspondent Sgt. Merle Miller and YANK photographer Sgt. John Bushnell landed with American troops on Eniwetok Island in the Marshalls, it looked like a pushover. But no sooner had the invaders begun to move inland than the Japs opened a deadly fire from all sides.

Caught in an intense mortar barrage were the two YANK correspondents. The shells bracketed the two men, and they were helplessly pinned to the beach. Sgt. Bushnell, the YANK photographer, was mortally wounded by a shell fragment, but not before he took his last photographs on Eniwetok. Bushnell's pictorial record of the invasion, final testament to a brilliant career in photography, the war, is featured in the March 31 issue of YANK which goes on sale at the PX Friday, March 31.

Sgt. Merle Miller, who escaped injury, wrote the accompanying eyewitness account of the battle.

John Bushnell has contributed his photographic wizardry to YANK's pages ever since its inception. He took combat pictures on New Guinea, Makin, Tarawa and Kwajalein and shot movies and snaps at Guadalcanal, the Fijis, New Caledonia, Hawaii and many other Pacific Islands. He died three hours after he was wounded on Eniwetok; his first thought when medics picked him up was, "What happened to my camera?"

**1ST STR. GIVES \$3,100**  
Colonel Charles E. Walsh, executive officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, and officer in charge of the regiment's American Red Cross drive, announced recently that the 1st STR has already turned in over \$3,100 to the Red Cross, and that he expected more before the drive ends.

**JUNE, GEHRIG'S MONTH**  
June was an important month in the life of Lou Gehrig. He was born in June, 1893, joined New York Yankees in June, 1923, first appeared in a major league game in June, 1923, began work's record consecutive game streak in June, 1928, hit four home runs in a single game in June, 1932, and died in June, 1941.

**Wicks considers the Jap an outstandingly poor shot with his rifle and declares his equipment is so antiquated that the Nipponese, died in June, 1941.**

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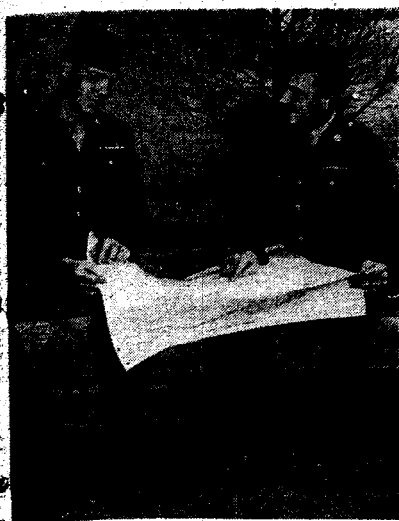
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**THE JAPS AREN'T ALL SMALL**—Pvt. Cecil E. Ross (left) and Sgt. George F. Cole, recently returned from the South Pacific for duty with the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School, agree that they saw many Japs who were six feet tall or over. Most of them were members of the Imperial Marines, they said. And they were good shots—much better than the average Jap soldier. (Official U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

## Pacific War Vets Laud Infiltration Course Value

Sneak tricks used by Jap snipers, the discovery that lots of Japs were more than six feet tall, and the value of the infiltration course for men going into combat were some of the points discussed when two veterans of the Pacific campaign got together in the Academic Regiment this week.

Sgt. George F. Cole, of "Cambridge," Mass., who fought on Guadalcanal, and Pvt. Cecil E. Ross, who won the Purple Heart for wounds received in New Guinea, are among the scores of soldiers returning from overseas who have joined the Infantry School under the policy of rotation of troops.

"Most Americans believe that all Japanese are small," Sgt. Cole said. "But we saw many Japs who were more than six feet in height. Most of them were members of the select Imperial Marines, the Emperor's personal bodyguard. They were much better shots than the average Jap—whenever a man was killed by an Imperial Marine, he was found shot square between the eyes."

The Japanese sniper seemed to know that he was on a suicide mission, Ross and Cole said. They found the snipers used to the trees. The only way they ever got a sniper down alive, the veterans recalled, was to wound him and then go up and cut him down.

"They were always getting behind our lines," said Ross, who was an ammunition carrier for a machine-gun crew. "Often when we went back for ammunition we found that some snipers had sneaked through the lines and were waiting for us."

**JAPS TRICKY**  
At night they pulled all kinds of tricks to unnerve you and draw your fire. They'd beat on their helmets, they'd shout to make you think they were fighting some of your men so you'd come to the rescue."

The inability of the average Jap to think for themselves when cut off from higher authority was one of the many surprising things they learned about the enemy.

"They don't seem to know what to do when their schedule is cut off," Cole recalls. "They would actually consult their text-books on the field of battle. Most of them believe that if they lose their leaders, they are lost—too—they were surprised to find that such was not the case with us."

"The American soldier is definitely more independent," Cole added. "He can think for himself, while the average Jap can only obey orders."

But the snipers, the veterans warned, are not to be considered "average Japs." They are picked men, superior in every respect, much better trained than the regular Japanese soldiers. They are

such artists at camouflage, Ross recalls, that sometimes they're "invisible" at a distance of 80 feet!

Good news for soldiers still to "go over" was the statement by Sgt. Cole that his comrades created the infiltration course for similar training for the fact that they were not "trigger happy" when they went into action.

"Our outfit had the distinction of being the only unit that did not fire a shot the first night it went into the lines," Cole says. "Our training had taught us the need for listening and identifying sounds before firing. The infiltration course had helped us get accustomed to battle sounds and made us patient—we didn't fire until we knew what we were firing at."

Another part of the American's training that comes in handy, Jap-fighting, according to Ross and Cole, is the use of the rifle butt.

"Sole, a printer in civilian life, has now been assigned to the production plant of The Infantry School. He was inducted into Federal service with a National Guard combat engineer outfit over three years ago. While he was stationed in New Caledonia he was transferred to a special mobile reconnaissance squadron, which landed on Guadalcanal in December, 1942. Cole commanded a machine gun section all through the action, leaving in April for the Fijis Islands, where he was transferred to the Infantry before being sent back to the states last autumn.

Ross, a farmer in Newbern, Tenn., was drafted over two years ago and joined a regiment which served in most of the major islands in the Pacific. En route to Guadalcanal the task force was attacked by torpedoes and was "knocked out." "Six out of eight were shot down," Ross recalls simply. Coming to the Canal after the battle, he joined a regiment which was sent to the Canal after the battle, and Ross was in the thick of the fighting for two weeks before he got "knocked out."

"I don't know what it was that got me," he says. "There was so much stuff flying around, you could never tell." He was awarded the Purple Heart in October, at Fort Thomas, Ky., and has now been assigned for duty with the range section of The Infantry School.

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ing an advanced course in the 2nd Company, 1st Student Training Regiment of the Infantry School, spent a recent week-end at Fort Gaines and reports the following: "I was standing on a street corner when an ancient Model 'T' Ford sailed into the intersection and attempted to make the turn. It was no go, it balanced precariously on two wheels for an instant, then tipped over on its side and finally skidded to a halt."

"Continually reviewing my First Aid," mentioned Captain Ellison, "I rushed to the scene of the accident. As I arrived, expecting to remove the mangled remains, a tall colored soldier rose through the broken window of the uppermost car door. The first person he saw was me, an officer."

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